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FRIENDS HONOR HARRY KANE AT BIRTHDAY PARTY LAST WEEK

The Swiss room at the Copley Plaza was the scene Thursday night of a testimonial birthday banquet arranged by more than 100 friends and business associates in honor of Harry Kane, one of New England's most aggressive and popular business leaders, president of the Kane Furniture company (one of America's largest furniture institutions) operating 15 great furniture

stores in the New England States.

Many well known business executives were present, including David Lillienthal, Fox Furriers; Arthur Stone, vice president, First National bank; Ben Elfman, Ben Elfman & Co.; J. H. Burke, Burke & Co.; Frank Houlihan, president of Moller's Inc.; Arthur Stern, Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., and many others. Among the Kane executives present were Max Weiss, general manager; Louis Kane, assistant treasurer; M. W. Bliss, president R. I. Supply Division, Kane Co.; Lloyd Bliss, treasurer, R. I. Supply Division of the Kane Co.; M. Swanson, merchandise manager; B. Roberts, manager Boston store; J. Gold, manager Waltham store; J. Jurmain, manager Cambridge store, and many others.

One of the highlights of the occasion was the presence of Theodore Glynn, former fire commissioner of the city of Boston, personal representative of Governor James M. Curley, who extended the official greetings of the Commonwealth to Mr. Kane, and glowingly commended him on behalf of the governor on his amazing success in carrying his organization from a single store, a few short years ago, to its present position as one of America's greatest furniture institutions; on providing ever increasing employment and factory activity in New England and on furnishing such a splendid example of courage, leadership and Americanism during his entire business career.

Following Mr. Glynn, Frank Houlihan, toastmaster, introduced M. W. Bliss, Arthur Stone, Arthur Stern, Ralph Kahn, Jack Cremmens and other friends and executives of

the Kane company who paid glowing tribute to Mr. Kane's leadership and success.

After the speeches Mr. Houlihan presented Mr. Kane with a great golden key, symbolic of the key to the new office furnished by friends and associates for Mr. Kane as their birthday gift, whereupon Mr. Kane responded in sincere and heartfelt appreciation of the tribute paid him.

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Enterprise
Brockton, Mass.

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CURLEY URGES BIG AIR FORCE

PLYMOUTH, Dec. 23.—At the 166th anniversary dinner of the Old Colony Club here Saturday night, Gov. James M. Curley demanded that the United States build an air force double that of any other country.

Drawing an analogy between Puritan stockades erected to ward off the Indians in colonial days, the governor declared that the need for national defence is as great to-day as it was then. He called for an embargo against the manufactured goods of any nation which owes us debts.

Rep. Ira Ward of Plymouth also spoke. Fred A. Jenks, club historian, presided.

It was Forefathers' day in Plymouth Saturday, and citizens of the town, many of them direct descendants of the little band of Pilgrims who settled this town 315 years ago, celebrated the day. Flags were flying about town, many family gatherings were held. As in past years, sons and daughters of Plymouth who were coming home for Christmas, planned to be here also on Forefathers' day, the one day of the year which belongs to Plymouthans alone. Succotash was the chief article on the menu of the day, a Pilgrim dish, the making of which has been taught by mother to daughter for generations. In accordance with the annual custom, a public programme in observance of the day was presented in the afternoon in the First church under joint auspices of the Pilgrim Society and the Plymouth Antiquarium Society. An historical address was given by Rev. Arthur B. Whitney, minister of the First church of Quincy, formerly minister of the First church of Plymouth. Special musical numbers were rendered by the Plymouth Men's Glee Club. A large number of townspeople were in attendance at the service. The Pilgrim Society, composed of prominent people from many States, mostly descendants of the Pilgrims, held its annual meeting in the afternoon in Pilgrim Hall and elected officers and committees for the year.

In the evening the Old Colony Club, the oldest social organization in the country, organized in 1769, held its annual meeting, banquet and observance of the occasion. The beautiful old clubhouse was effectively decorated throughout with greenery and candles. The club, which in the past has entertained many people of note, including presidents of the United States, had as its special guest this year Gov. James M. Curley. Among the other guests were Dist.-Atty. Edmund R. Dewing. Pilgrim succotash was the principal dish on the banquet menu.

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SENTINEL
Fitchburg, Mass.

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Hoban Would Delay Release Of Gardner

BOSTON, Dec. 23 (AP).—Belief that Henry A. Gardner, 32, was a pyromaniac and a request that he be subjected to psychiatric observation before release from prison were expressed today by District Atty. Owen A. Hoban of Worcester county.

A recommendation by Gov. James M. Curley that Gardner's prison sentence of 10 to 12 years be commuted to permit immediate parole, resulted in a protest last week from the Pleasant Street Baptist church in Worcester. The Pleasant street church was one of two churches set afire by Gardner.

Clemency for the prisoner was opposed by District Atty. Hoban until Gardner should be examined by a psychiatrist.

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Curley Urges Better Protection of Nation

America should build "a stockade around the entire shore line—and an air force twice as large as any other nation," Governor Curley believes.

He told the descendants of the Pilgrims at their observance in Plymouth Saturday that the stockades built by the early settlers "should teach us something about national defense."

The Governor reiterated his suggestion that the United States should stop imports from all countries in default on their war debts and should keep free of foreign alliances.

Shutting down on imports from defaulting nations would give 3,000,000 people work in this country, Mr. Curley said.

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MURPHY APPROVED
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Prison Pardon Season.

The announcement that Governor Curley has arranged for the pardon of more convicts at Christmas, in addition to those released at Thanksgiving, calls attention to the holiday pardoning custom in this state. It is to be guessed that the original idea of making prison pardons a feature of the holiday season was to emphasize the lessons of good will that are appropriate to that season.

Just who is impressed with these lessons of good will? So far as deserving prisoners are concerned, a pardon at any time of the year would be a manifestation of the mercy of the law, fully as impressive as during the special good will season.

A group of pardons at that time fails to stir the public to greater reverence for the spirit of brotherly love, because their attention is more apt to be centered upon the merits of the pardoned for any modification of the punishment meted out to them after guilt had been proved in the courts.

One thing that can be counted upon is that a fixed custom of numerous pardons at a special time helps to strengthen the idea among the vicious that there are many ways of escaping full punishment for their crimes, if they are caught at them.

Such an impression would be forestalled in large degree, if pardons were considered singly and granted without the publicity that is attracted by wholesale releases at Thanksgiving and Christmas. All the good results expected from a show of mercy to a deserving applicant would be encouraged, and the incentive to good behavior among prison convicts, which the prospect of pardons holds forth, would be preserved.

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missioner by Governor Curley.

Curley After Quigley

Governor Curley's political hostility towards Lawrence F. Quigley has cropped up again in his recommendation of John M. Gray, Boston architect, to the trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, for appointment as commandant of that institution. Mr. Quigley became a political foe of the Governor in the days when Executive Councillor Daniel H. Coakley was anti-Curley.

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Civic League Views Cited

Franco - American Unit Magazine Article Attacks Curley Administration.

Criticism of the administration of Governor Curley is contained in the current issue of "The Civic Leaguer," official publication of the Franco-American Civic League of Massachusetts.

The Governor is assailed for ousting State officials and the failure of the much-publicized work-and-wages program.

Benefits Not Many

The magazine article ends with the suggestion that it would be "somewhat embarrassing to show what Franco-Americans have had to gain by the accession to power of Mr. Curley and his party."

The article, in part, follows:

"With reference to observations on the national political situation contained in this issue, it may be profitable to scan with a precursory eye the political scene in Massachusetts, where developments of the widest interest and highest importance will unfold themselves in 1936.

"At the 1934 elections, a man, past master in duplicity of factional politics, challenged the head of his party and, forcing himself before the electorate, carried an outstanding victory over the more conservative opponents who opposed him.

"It was a hard blow for the pre-primary conventions, so-called, which were in their first stages.

Building Up Machine

"Powerful because of the public support given his motto, 'Work and Wages,' Mr. Curley seated himself in the gubernatorial armchair, as a nearly absolute master, and applied himself since the first day to the edification of a political machine, the likes of which Massachusetts had never seen.

"Certain newspapers, without distinction of parties or tendencies, awarded Governor James M. Curley the title of 'Dictator,' an appellation which many of his official acts seem to have justified.

"The present Governor has not hesitated to expel from the frame of State administration public servants, many of whom were respected, who, politically, could have annoyed him and whose positions, however, he hankered to give them as compensation to his most devoted satellites.

"People of the State watched, powerless, and still watch, political beheadings, the object of which is certainly not for the best interest of the Commonwealth. It may be said, on the whole, that the sharing of spolia opima (excellent remains) was done 'conscientiously.'

"Relative to the 'work-and-wages,' this expression has been known for some time for what it is worth, to wit, nothing. It was, on the whole, nothing else but one of those resounding utterances that political leaders like so much and which have the pretention to condense a mass of electoral promises worth what promises of this nature are worth everywhere.

"Excepting, possibly, in the metropolitan district of Boston, where it is of importance that Mr. Curley and allies keep alive the sacred life of partisanship, the State has contributed nothing of an appreciable nature to the emergency cause of 'work-and-wages.'

"The Curley administration, we dare predict, has been entirely political and about null in the sense of construction and rehabilitative effort.

"In Massachusetts, it would be somewhat embarrassing to show what Franco-Americans have had to gain by the accession to power of Mr. Curley and his party."

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Political Grab Bag

By Thomas K. Brindley

The Senator's "Sacrifice"—

Mathematics is a popular pastime here these days. Fathers and mothers are trying to figure how far they can stretch their Christmas money. Youngsters are counting the hours until the big day. And political observers are trying to figure just how much of a "sacrifice" Senator Conroy will make in temporarily retiring as a member of the State Industrial Accident Board to carry out the duties in the Massachusetts Senate for which he was elected.

The understanding is that the Senator has expressed willingness to temporarily "give up" the \$6,000-a-year post, which is one of two positions he holds, for the \$2,000-a-year one. On the surface it looks like quite a sacrifice.

Under the announced plan, the Senator will go back to the upper chamber of the Massachusetts Legislature for the duration of the session.

Like all Senators, he will be eligible to receive \$2,000 for the term plus a stipulated amount for travelling between here and Boston.

If he was working as Industrial Accident Commissioner, Mr. Conroy would be getting paid at the rate of \$6,000-a-year, or roughly speaking \$2,000 for every four months.

Thus, if the Legislature does the people of Massachusetts a real favor and does not stay in session more than four months the Senator's salary loss may be nil, for he will be entitled to the \$2,000 for service in the Legislature and for the remaining eight months of the year he can collect \$4,000 for his work in the accident board—\$6,000 in all.

Of course, if the State Legislature persists in stalling through a lengthy session, accomplishing little except giving the citizenry more taxes and worse headaches than ever, the Senator might lose a few dollars in salary.

But the fact is that when he was elected by the people of this district to be Senator, he contracted to serve them for two years at whatever salary is paid for the job. The attainment of the more lucrative berth was his own doing.

The people didn't ask him to take it.

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concluded

They have a distinct dislike for dual office holding and strange as it may seem to some politicians, the average man believes he elects legislators to serve him 365 days a year—and 365 in leap year.

But some legislators have a different viewpoint. They think they are elected so they can go to Boston at the taxpayers' expense and see what they can do to get more lucrative jobs.

Under an administration such as Massachusetts is suffering now, the self seekers do well—providing they first do as Der Feuhrer Curley desires.

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Prophets Wrong Again—

Are some people's faces red?

For a week before James G. Reardon was named, the political "wise-guys" here, whose chief stock in trade is telling how they "fit" with the Governor and others at the State House, whispered to their friends that Superintendent of Schools Belisle was "positively due" to be named State Commissioner of Education.

Mr. Belisle professed to know nothing about it, but the "know-it-alls" smiled and said he was "too smart to talk."

They were never more positive in any prediction than they were in saying Mr. Belisle was to get the \$9,000-a-year position and the Governor's action in reappointing Mr. Reardon still has them stutering explanations.

But they won't alibi long. They'll be too busy making guesses at the next position to be filled.

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Mr. Russell Rejoices—

A number of the politically wise of the city are chuckling over the speech given by Governor's Councillor Russell at the recent Cote banquet.

One of the statements he made was this:

"Had Governor Curley made any other selection than appointing Edmond Cote to the Finance Commission, he would have made a mistake."

Those who heard it were stunned for a moment as there was conjured in their minds the way in which Mr. Russell stormed about the city last November and threatened to institute slander proceedings against the chairman of the Finance Commission. It seems the men were opponents for election to the Governor's Council and Mr. Cote was a little disparaging in his comment about Mr. Russell at a rally here.

The Democratic candidate was pretty hot and ready to take court action when he was prevailed upon to cool down and take the attack in stride.

It is also well to remember that after the election, when Mr. Cote's lead was slimmer than it had been in many previous contests the men continued feuding as Mr. Russell sought a recount and the Finance Commissioner tried to block it.

But politics makes strange bedfellows and now Mr. Russell gives praise to Mr. Cote.

And the only explanation for Mr. Russell's "rejoicing",—if we may borrow a term Governor Curley used at the same banquet in talking about a letter from former Finance Commissioner James Jackson which proved to be as mythical as the dictograph that was "found" in his home,—in Mr. Cote's advancement to a \$5,000 a year job seems to be found in the fact that when he moved out, the local Democrat moved into the Governor's Council.

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LEADER

Lowell, Mass.

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Curley to Give Message Over Air Tonight

BOSTON, Dec. 23 (UP)—Governor Curley will broadcast a 15-minute Christmas message to the people of Massachusetts over stations WBZ-WBZA at 7 o'clock tonight, it was announced today.

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COURIER-CITIZEN

Lowell, Mass.

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... which would most certainly of all be fatal to Italy, the one possible source of conflict.

"Curley Aims to Abolish State Tax" is an arresting headline; but when one reads the story annexed thereto it doesn't appear that it is going to make much difference to the payers of the taxes. State government is going to require as much money, at least, and probably more than before, year after year; and it makes no difference whether it is called a state tax, or something else. The proposal contemplates what the governor is pleased to call "rigid economies" in administration, and also "a search for new sources of revenue," other than a sales tax. One of the cardinal principles of taxation is that there shall always be a disproportionately large class of citizens deluded into thinking the government costs them nothing because they pay no direct taxes; and a sales tax would bear most heavily on the poorer citizens, so of course no politician likes the idea, because once the extravagances of politicians were brought home to the mass of the voters, by something they could see and feel, they might kick. As for "rigid economies" in state government we shall believe in them when we see them. Note also that the governor wants another six-million-dollar bond issue, for large construction projects. Borrow and spend! The Curley administration has at least this much in common with the Roosevelt regime.

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EAGLE

Lawrence, Mass.

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former patients who died.



BUST SALE AIDS RED CROSS—This bronze bust of President Roosevelt has been purchased in Boston by Governor James Curley of Massachusetts, the money going to a fund for the benefit of the Italian Red Cross. Miss Louise Carangelo, of the Italian Legion auxiliary, and Miss Perabo-Smith, who served with the Italian Red Cross during World war days, are shown admiring the bust.

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SAYS GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE JUDGES

HOLDSWORTH SEES SHIFT IN SUPREME BODY

Three Members Are Subject to Old Age Retirement

That the state constitution gives authority to the governor to remove judges of any court of the Commonwealth "because of mental or physical disability or advanced age," was explained to the East Lynn Brotherhood yesterday in East Lynn I. O. O. F. hall by Atty. Med-
le T Holdsworth.

He pointed out that Article 1 of Chapter 3 of the Massachusetts Constitution says: "Our Judicial Officers duly appointed, commissioned, and sworn, shall hold their offices during good behavior."

He said that most people believed that this was the law and that judges could not be removed by the Governor, but he said that Article 58 which is an amendment to Chapter 3, Article 1, says: "That the Governor with the consent of the Council may after due notice and hearing retire judges because of mental or physical disability or because of advanced age."

Three of the judges of the Supreme Judicial court are considerably over 70 years of age. Chief Justice Rugg, Justice Pierce and Justice Crosby, Atty. Holdsworth said and added that in legal circles it was believed Gov. Curley had in mind their removal.

He pointed out that some very interesting developments in reference to the judges of Massachusetts may be looked for during the next few months.

The second question which Mr. Holdsworth spoke on was: "Does a native-born citizen of the United States lose his citizenship if he goes to some other country to live?" He stated that a native-born citizen of the United States never loses his citizenship no matter how long he may live in another country or out of the United States, unless, he becomes naturalized in a foreign land.

He said that a naturalized American citizen is presumed to have ceased to be a citizen if he should go to the country of his birth and remain two years or more. Or if he went to a foreign country other than that of his birth and lived for five years he would cease to be a citizen of the United States.

Press
Middletown, Ct.

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Political Pickings

Rev. Father Charles E. Coughlin calls upon his followers to organize to defeat all "rubber stamp" congressmen.

Boston now has a sensational suit in the courts. The city sues former City Treasurer Edmund L. Dolan to recover on an alleged fraud in a bond transaction when Dolan was in office under Governor Curley, when the latter was mayor. The amount involved is \$250,000.

One of the intimations from Hartford hint at a plan to consolidate many state departments under single heads, so that there will be but seven or eight divisions altogether, to be ruled by "experts", at \$12,000 a year each, instead of the present non-salaried commissions.

NEWS

Malden, Mass.

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On Luxury Liners

MR. PAUL CHAPMAN, a Wall Street financier who was for a time the head man in the United States Lines, makes the headlines again with a grandiose proposal to build two super-super trans-Atlantic steamships, each two hundred feet longer than the Normandie and Queen Mary. These ships would cost a mere \$50,000,000 apiece, and—here's the nub of the proposition—Uncle Sam would put up the money under the guise of a loan. It is to be hoped and expected that these gigantic craft will get no further than the headlines. The folly of building these enormous money eaters is clear enough to anyone who can read. They can never earn the interest on the cost of construction. The Normandie is already laid up after a few months on the water, ostensibly for changes to do away with a troublesome vibration; but it is admitted that she would have been retired anyway through the winter months for lack of business. These great ships are built only for display, and only passengers who love ostentation and happen to have the money to pay for it patronize them. The cost of running such whales, and the senseless luxury built into them makes them hopelessly uneconomic. They can be built only by government subsidy, and Lord knows governments have enough ways to spend money without sinking millions in luxury liners. Mr Chapman will not get his leviathans that is certain. But it is due him to say that his dreams are moderate compared with those of that other maritime enthusiast, Governor James M. Curley, who had a vision last summer of two incredible steamships to cost \$100,000,000 each to ply between Boston and European ports. Good sound cabin liners built for say \$10,000,000 are comfortable, popular, sensible boats, which can pay their way and give everybody aboard a good time and a pleasant voyage. Every dollar above that is a dollar wasted on show, bombast and extravagance.

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TRANSCRIPT
North Adams, Mass.

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NEW COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Council Confirms Ap-
pointment of Howard
W. Murphy

Boston, Dec. 23.—(A.P.)—The executive council confirmed Governor James M. Curley's appointment of Howard H. Murphy, of Osterville, as state commissioner of agriculture today. The action came after members of the council delayed confirmation for several weeks. Murphy succeeds Edgar L. Gillett.

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STANDARD
New Bedford, Mass.

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The State Tax

Discussion of Governor Curley's proposal to abolish the state tax may well await his message to the legislature in which, presumably, the means to be taken to accomplish this end will be fully explained.

All that appears now is that other forms of revenue will be substituted for the present state tax. What they will be the Governor does not say; and he gives the impression that he does not know. If the state tax is abolished, it will somewhat ease the strain on municipal treasuries. Cities and towns now have to include, in their local levies, the amount of the state tax, which in the case of New Bedford this year was \$204,000. On a valuation of \$121,000,000, which is the approximate valuation of real and personal property here, \$204,000 would mean about \$1.70 on the tax rate. The saving to the owner of a house valued at \$5,000 would thus be \$8.50, which would be a lightening of the local tax burden, but which would not afford much relief to distressed real estate.

It will be noticed that what the Governor suggests is not a reduction in taxes, but the abolition of one tax and the substitution of another, or others, for it. If he means to hold out any promise of a cut in government costs, his preliminary announcement gives no inkling of it.

GAZETTE
Northampton, Mass.

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BRUTALITY ON BEACON HILL

(Boston Herald)

The Commonwealth has become so accustomed recently to hang its head in shame at the flagrant disregard on Beacon Hill of wholesome old principles and upright old practices that it expects additional outrages as a matter of course for another year. Nevertheless, the whole community will be shocked by the heartless ousting of Dr. Payson Smith, commissioner of education and the immediate appointment and confirmation of his successor.

We lost a liberal, high-minded, conscientious, capable gentleman, who has served us admirably for 20 years without any thought of race, religion, partisan politics or anything except the good of the Commonwealth.

He has had the confidence and respect of every Governor but Mr. Curley. He has made the department of education one of the finest in the country, and a model for our sister states. Practically all the school superintendents in Massachusetts, with the conspicuous exception of the Adams man who replaces him, not only endorsed him but pleaded that he should have another term. Our own superintendent of schools, Patrick P. Campbell, was foremost in the vain effort to persuade the Governor to go the way of decency.

The peremptory removal of Commissioner Smith was obviously due to cheap, shoddy politics on the part of the Governor and of a Council majority which he dominates whenever he cares to. No other valid proceedings of yesterday can be offered. In his blind rage at Republicans and at all others who refuse to do his bidding, the Governor is running amuck without concern for the damage which he is inflicting on the Commonwealth.

And how cowardly his tactics were! Disgraceful as the removal itself was, the methods employed were just as bad. The Governor went in mock seriousness through the empty formality of first presenting the name of Commissioner Smith, well knowing that by prearrangement the council would refuse to confirm. The Governor is utterly childish if he has the notion that this self-serving action will deceive anybody, even the most gullible. He aggravated his gross offense by his transparent attempt to set up an alibi in advance.

The whole episode marks a new low in the administration of the affairs of the Commonwealth. One more charge has been added to the long list on which the unpacked jury of the people will vote when they go to the polls next year.

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NEWS
Newburyport, Mass.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1935

REDUCING REAL ESTATE TAXES

There never was a governor or mayor who did not say it was necessary to relieve the crushing burden of taxation on the owners of homes. Yet once elected they rarely object to greater appropriations. They talk well before election and then proceed to spend the public's money more freely than ever. For 10 years the Massachusetts legislature has considered and authorized new taxes to relieve real estate. Yet real estate taxes have constantly increased in spite of all the new taxes and the more new taxes are authorized, the more the legislature spends.

Therefore when the perennial state lottery bill is once more suggested as a means of "relieving real estate" we have not the slightest faith in it. Irrespective of its immorality and its extremely bad effects in general, we do not believe it would relieve real estate one cent. It would simply furnish a bunch of irresponsible political legislators more easy money to spend. The necessity of relieving real estate is perfectly evident, but no more evident than the necessity of decreasing all taxation. Perhaps some day the workman will find out how much he is being taxed to maintain the preposterous "New Deal." He ought to realize it when he buys pork chops and cotton cloth and even pays his home rent if he is fortunate enough to be able to. Including pensioners, public servants, CCC men, AAA employees and those on relief projects, Uncle Sam now sends out regularly 9,037,956 checks. When President Franklin D. Roosevelt first came into power there were only 2,150,835 regular checks sent out. It will thus be seen that one worker out of four is now being supported wholly or in part by money sent from Washington. In other words, every three working men are supporting a fourth man. Do you wonder that real estate taxes and all other taxes are high? You should realize that they are going to be a great deal higher while the Easy Spender remains in the White House.

We have no hope that our legislators will stop spending until the public gets angry enough to stop them. The ballot is the only way. Nothing but an aroused public opinion will stop the scandalous extravagance which dominates Congress and our state legislatures. Gasoline taxes have been increased many times "to relieve real estate" without the slightest effect. The legislature may increase the income tax from six to 10 percent. This increase will merely furnish more money for the hungry and extravagant legislature to spend to build up their own fortunes and will not help real estate. Our playboy governor's latest suggestion is another bond issue which will only increase the burden in the end. The interest must be paid.

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MERCURY
New Bedford, Mass.

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CURLEY HIT FOR ROTCH ATTACK

Political Club Directors
Say He Should Help
WPA Chief

Adverse criticism of Governor Curley for his animosity toward Arthur G. Rotch, state WPA administrator, is contained in a motion adopted by the board of directors of the Greater New Bedford Social and Political Club. A copy will be sent to Mr. Curley.

The motion states:

"That this organization go on record as being opposed to the attitude of His Excellency, the governor of this state, namely, James M. Curley, in continually demanding the resignation of State Administrator Arthur G. Rotch.

"Also that we are of the opinion that if he would cooperate with Mr. Rotch, it may be the means of adjusting the situation in which this Commonwealth, relative to the turn over from E. R. A. to PWA, now finds itself."

The directors voted to remind Curley that in attaining his goal of the governorship, he was assisted by many Republicans.

At the same meeting, which was conducted by James J. Mullin, John J. Kilbride announced plans for the club's anniversary celebration, to which many eminent Republicans will be invited. Patrick A. Hayes, speaking for the entertainment committee, discussed a program of social affairs for the winter months.

A vote of thanks was given to officers and members of the Smile Awhile Club for a supper and play at which officers of the political club, the board of directors and their wives, were entertained. Other reports were given by Antone Pimental, on the cribbage league, and Joseph B. Fagan, on the bowling league, where Teams 2 and 3 are outstanding. Chairman Francis O. Quinn gave an annual report of the auditors, indicating a good financial position.

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EAGLE
Pittsfield, Mass.

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CAMPBELL NOT RILED BY REQUEST

Wendell Proprietor Re-
sponds to Gov. Curley's
Plea for Dinners

At least one hotel man outside of Boston is not riled because Governor James M. Curley sent him a letter asking for a contribution to the Governor's Christmas basket fund. He is N. A. Campbell, president and manager of the Wendell Hotel of this city, and he has mailed in his donation to the fund.

When Mr. Campbell received the Governor's letter by special delivery he was surprised, at first, to think that the Governor had found it necessary to reach all the way across the State for aid. However, on further reflection, he reasoned that the appeal would not have been made unless the need was great.

"To the present time I have received requests for nearly 5000 Christmas dinners from families in dire want, and you can readily understand that it is an impossibility for any one person, regardless of the impulse of the heart and mind, to comply with a request of this magnitude," wrote the Governor. "If each and every individual interested in the welfare of his fellow men, however, is agreeable to making even a small contribution, it will be possible to make Christmas Day in a measure more happy for many thousands of persons."

Mr. Campbell in making his own donation and submitting it anonymously to the fund took the attitude that if there was "dire need" the least he could do was to help to the best of his ability in relieving it. His attitude was directly opposed to that taken by some other hotel men outside of Boston. In Springfield, hotel men figured that if they didn't contribute the fact would be remembered some time some where. Some of them contended that there were enough poor in Springfield to feed without taking in Boston, too, and that the Governor's request was hardly fair.

NEWS
Portland, Me.
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Views Of Other Editors

BRUTALITY ON BEACON HILL (Boston Herald)

The Commonwealth has become so accustomed recently to hang its head in shame at the flagrant disregard on Beacon Hill of wholesome old principles and upright old practices that it expects additional outrages as a matter of course for another year. Nevertheless, the whole community will be shocked by the heartless ousting of Dr. Payson Smith, commissioner of education, and the immediate appointment and confirmation of his successor.

We lose a liberal, high-minded, conscientious, capable gentleman, who has served us admirably for twenty years without any thought of race, religion, partisan politics or anything except the good of the Commonwealth.

He has had the confidence and respect of every Governor but Mr. Curley. He has made the department of education one of the finest in the country, and a model for our sister states. Practically all the school superintendents in Massachusetts, with the conspicuous exception of the Adams man who replaces him, not only endorsed him but pleaded that he should have another term. Our own superintendent of schools, Patrick T. Campbell, was foremost in the vain effort to persuade the Governor to go the way of decency.

The peremptory removal of Commissioner Smith was obviously due to cheap, shoddy politics on the part of the Governor and of a Council majority which he dominates whenever he cares to. No other valid explanation of the proceedings of yesterday can be offered. In his blind rage at Republicans and at all others who refuse to do his bidding, the Governor is running amuck without concern for the damage which he is inflicting on the Commonwealth.

And how cowardly his tactics were! Disgraceful as the removal itself was, the methods employed were just as bad. The Governor

went in mock seriousness through the empty formality of first presenting the name of Commissioner Smith, well knowing that by prearrangement the Council would refuse to confirm. The Governor is utterly childish if he has the notion that this self-serving action will deceive anybody, even the most gullible. He aggravated his gross offense by his transparent attempt to set up an alibi in advance.

The whole episode marks a new low in the administration of the affairs of this Commonwealth. One more charge has been added to the long list on which the unpacked jury of the people will vote when they go to the polls next year.

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EAGLE

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Release of Gardner From State Prison Without Observation Brings | Protest Before Governor's Council

**Clemency Opposed by District Attorney, Police Chief
and Baptist Church in Worcester—Claim Prisoner
Has Been Real Menace Because of Inability To
Resist Impulse To Set Fires**

BOSTON, Dec. 23 (AP).—Belief that Henry A. Gardner, 32, was a pyromaniac and a request that he be subjected to psychiatric observation before release from prison were expressed today by District Attorney Owen A. Hoban of Worcester County.

A recommendation by Governor James M. Curley that Gardner's prison sentence of 10 to 12 years be commuted to permit immediate parole, resulted in a protest last week from the Pleasant Street Baptist Church in Worcester. The Pleasant Street Church was one of two churches set afire by Gardner.

Clemency for the prisoner was opposed by District Attorney Hoban until Gardner should be examined by a psychiatrist.

During the hearing, Executive Councillor Daniel H. Coakley (D) clashed orally with Councillors Winfield A. Schuster, Douglas, and Frank A. Brooks, Watertown, both Republicans.

The fiery clash came between Coakley and Brooks when the latter demanded to know if the parole board had reviewed the prisoner's case. Coakley answered he did not know.

Schuster presented a protest against the convict's parole from the Pleasant Street Baptist Church.

Fear and Terror

Hoban described January, 1932, in Worcester, as one of fear and terror and added "the people were afraid

to sleep while the firebug was at large."

Hoban termed Gardner a "true pyromaniac who had irresistible impulses to set fires, usually while under the influence of liquor."

Gardner's pardon previously had been recommended by Governor Curley.

Hoban asserted Gardner would be a "real menace not only to property but to life," if he was unable to resist the impulse to set fires. He would have no objection to Gardner's release, if an examination disclosed the prisoner no longer had that impulse, Hoban said.

Chief of Police Thomas F. Foley of Worcester supported Hoban's pleas.

Not Vindictive

Former District Attorney Edward T. Estey, appearing as a vestryman of All Saints' Church, told the committee the church did not want to appear vindictive, but that it feared if it did not appear against commutation of sentence, the inference would be it favored such parole.

Estey maintained murderers, robbers and thieves serving life sentences would be safer subjects for release than men of Gardner's type.

The Council committee took the matter under advisement after William P. Finneran, superintendent of detectives in Worcester, concurred with statements made by Foley and Hoban.

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MRS. WHITE MADE MEMBER OF DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Local Woman Added to Board of Strategy, Which Also
Gives Charles E. Ely, Brother of Former Governor,
Place, Thus Recognizing Cole Democrats

Mrs. Katherine E. White of 23 Hollister Street and Attorney Charles F. Ely of Westfield, brother of former Governor Joseph B. Ely, were among 14 new members added to the Democratic State Committee at its meeting Saturday afternoon in Boston. Thomas G. Lynch of 14 Harold Street and Michael E. Troy of West Stockbridge are also members of the committee.

Mrs. White, widow of John M. White who for many years was an accountant employed in the cost department of the Tillotson Mill, has been active in the women's division of the Democratic party for some time. She is the daughter of the late Joseph T. Heaton, who served in the City Council from Ward Five under the old charter. About a year ago Mrs. White was placed in charge of the educational program designed to acquaint women members of the party in Berkshire County with the various agencies of the New Deal. She is a former member of the League of Women Voters. Mrs. White has one son, John Heaton White, and he makes his home with her at 23 Hollister Street.

Ely Active Here

Attorney Ely, although a Westfield man, is well known in Pittsfield, and has been here many times in connection with political campaigns and American Legion affairs. He is former State vice-commander and judge-advocate of the Legion. He has appeared as a public speaker here under Legion auspices. In the last State pre-primary campaign he was on the stump in behalf of Brig. Gen. Charles H. Cole, who lost the nomination for Governor to James M. Curley.

Recognition of the so-called "Cole Democrats" was one of the features of the Boston meeting which was attended by about a hundred members of the committee. Other additions to the committee included Attorney General Paul A. Dever of Cambridge and former Mayor Law-

rence F. Quigley of Chelsea. Mr. Quigley was an out and out Cole man in the last campaign.

Harmony Prevails

Harmony prevailed at the meeting, due, largely, to the tact and diplomacy of Chairman Joseph McGrath. At one time discussion became so heated that Chairman McGrath made a statement which, in substance, was that he will not be a party to continuance of ostracism of any of the "Cole Democrats" by Curley partisans. His remarks brought loud applause.

In determining the number of new committee members to be elected confusion reigned because of records which were lost when Joseph A. Maynard retired as chairman of the committee. It was finally brought out that there had been five deaths and two resignations. Chairman McGrath said it had been supposed there was another death—that of Michael E. Troy of West Stock-

bridge—but the mistake was discovered as due to Mr. Troy's father's death, when Michael E. Troy appeared at State headquarters a short time ago and protested he was not dead, but, on the contrary, very much alive.

Chairman McGrath reported that of the 355 municipalities in the State, 354 are now organized with local Democratic committees. The other, Gay Head, cannot be organized until Clarence Vanderhoop, an Indian, returns a week hence from a deep-sea fishing trip.

Mr. McGrath wound up the meeting with a registration pep talk saying there are 400,000 citizens in the State who are not registered to vote, the majority of them being women. Of this total, about 300,000 are naturally Democrats and if 150,000 can be added to the voting lists, the Republicans can never come back. He spoke of glowing reports from Western Massachusetts, pointing to recent party victories at Northampton and North Adams to illustrate.

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NEWS
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**Governor Can
Remove Judges
Of Supreme Court**

**Atty. Holdsworth Predicts
Curley Will Replace With
Friends, Three of Present
Group as "Advanced Age"**

Attorney Medley T. Holdsworth of Lynn speaking before the Men's class of the East Lynn Brotherhood Sunday morning at East Lynn I. O. O. F. hall on the question, "Can Governor Curley remove members of the Massachusetts supreme court?"—stated that the constitution of Massachusetts gave him the power to remove such judges. He pointed out that article number one of chapter number three of the Massachusetts constitution says: "Our judicial officers duly appointed, commissioned, and sworn, shall hold their offices during good behavior." He said that most people believed that that was the law and that judges could not be removed by the governor, but he said article number one of chapter number three of the constitution was amended and that article 58 which is an amendment to chapter three, article one, says, "That the governor with the consent of the council, may, after due notice and hearing retire judges because of mental or physical disability or because of advanced age," and that this advanced age under the amendment to the constitution would give Governor Curley the right to remove those judges whom he considers as being of advanced age, and with a governor's council which he has made up himself of men whom he has selected to back him in all his acts, it would be very easy for him to remove those judges that he might consider to be of advanced age. "Three of the judges are considerably

Over 70 Years of Age

Chief Justice Rugg, Justice Pierce, and Justice Crosby," said Mrs. Holdsworth, "and it is rumored in legal circles that these three judges will be retired by the governor during the coming year, and three of his own friends will be appointed which will give him control of the supreme court."

"It is known that Mr. Curley has already asked for an opinion from the attorney general of Massachusetts as to his legal rights in retiring certain judges, and it is also known that Daniel Coakley of the governor's council is the man behind the scenes who will pull the strings."

Attorney Holdsworth pointed out that some very interesting developments in reference to the judges of Massachusetts may be looked for during the next few months, and that Massachusetts will find herself doubtless in the same position with Mr. Curley as the state of Louisiana was under Huey Long.

The Second Question

which Mr. Holdsworth spoke on Sunday before the men's class at the East Lynn Brotherhood was, "Does a native born citizen of the United States loose his citizenship if he goes to some other country to live?" He stated that a native born citizen of the United States never loses his citizenship no matter how long he may live in another country or out of the United States, unless, he becomes naturalized in a foreign land.

He stated that a naturalize American citizen is presumed to have ceased to be a citizen if he should go to the country of his birth and remain two years ore more. Or if he went to a foreign country other than that of his birth and lived for five years he would cease to be a citizen of the United States.

Naturalized citizens under the law must report to the American counsul in the country where they are living before the expiration of the second year, when they are away from the United States, if they wish to retain their citizenship rights in this country.

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A Drive for More Judges

Eager for opportunities to make more political appointments at public expense, without regard to public necessity, Governor Curley is known to seek authorization for an increase of the number of Superior Court judges.

The question was left to a legislative recess commission which has not yet reported and, so far as known, has not decided what to report. As at present there is no practical need of more Superior Court judges—there are now 31—it is easy enough to see that the commission should report against any increase, especially in these times.

But in any case the demand for ten more Judges will come before the Legislature, as Rep. James J. Kiley of Boston, Curley Democrat, has filed a bill for such a purpose.

That the Legislature ought to kill it—ought not even to compromise with the project—is plain enough, but that it will kill it or will not enact a compromise is problematical in view of the manner in which Governor Curley prevailed over the poor Republican leadership in the last session.

There is no evidence that the Superior Court dockets are congested or that the present 31 judges are overworked. Certainly a judicial system that costs the State \$1,500,000 a year for judges' salaries and expense, not to speak of other courts and costs, should be enough for the higher judicial business of the State without the addition of a considerable cost at a time when taxes are absorbing so large a share of the income of the people as at present.

We do not understand that there is any legitimate demand for more judges or more courts. It appears to be a political demand only. If the members of the Legislature are wise they will understand that to accede to this political demand would intensify a public demand for biennial sessions, if for no better reason than to cut in two that which has failed to be what it should be—a public blessing in government.

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**Milton Twins Named
For Curley, Hurley**

Marking memorable days in the lives of Governor Curley, Lieutenant-Governor Hurley and Captain and Mrs. William J. McCluskey of 94 Wendell Park, Milton, the McCluskey twin boys were yesterday christened James Michael and Joseph L. McCluskey, respectively at a ceremony at St. Mary's of the Hills church, Milton.

The boys were born Nov 5, the day that Governor Curley adn his running mate were elected to office. Captain McCluskey, who lived in South Boston for a time where he married his wife the former Miss Mary Kelley of South Boston, was an active supporter of Governor Curley in Milton during the campaign and before that for 20 years.

Yesterday Mrs. William J. Foley, wife of District-Attorney William J. Foley, was the sponsor for James Michael McCluskey for whom Governor Curley acted as godfather, and Mrs. Edward C. Carroll, wife of State Senator Edward C. Carroll, acted as sponsor for Joseph L. McCluskey for whom Lieutenant-Governor Hurley acted as godfather. There are four other children in the McCluskey family, Jane, 13; William J., Jr., 12; Ann, 10, and Jack 9.

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Springfield Hotelmen Riled By Curley Letters Asking For Christmas Contributions

Invited to Send Money to State House for Governor's Basket Fund, Wonder Why They Should Be Asked to Help Curley Gain Political Prestige in Boston

Springfield hotelmen are pretty riled at the Governor. They figure he put them on the spot. Special delivery letters came to them Saturday. On the upper left hand corner of the envelope were the words: "After 5 days return to The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Department, State House, Boston."

"The Governor; special delivery," said the hotelmen. "This must be important." Nervous fingers ripped open the seal. Inside was this letter:

"Dear Friend:

"Scripture teaches, 'For the poor you will have always with you,' and due to the failure of society to enact economic laws for a more equitable distribution of the world's goods, the poor are still with us.

"To the present time I have received requests for nearly 5000 Christmas dinners from families in dire want, and you can readily understand that it is an impossibility for any one person, regardless of the impulse of heart and mind, to comply with a request of this magnitude.

"If each and every individual interested in the welfare of his fellow man, however, is agreeable to making even a small contribution, it will be possible to make Christmas Day in a measure more happy for many thousands of persons.

"Consequently, I extend to you, in the event that your finances will permit, an opportunity to be of service to the more needy of the Commonwealth by forwarding a check in such amount as you deem proper to Mrs. Agnes Parker, Room 364, State House, Boston, who will acknowledge receipt of all contributions."

Sincerely,

James M. Curley
The "James M. Curley" is rubber-stamped. The stationery is the official letterhead and envelope of the Commonwealth. No one knows who paid for the stamps.

Inclosed is a return envelope to Mrs. Parker, treasurer, Governor's Christmas Basket Fund. There is, however, no stamp on the return envelope.

The hotelmen figure that if they don't contribute, maybe it will be remembered sometime, somewhere. On the other hand they say we have

enough poor to feed at Christmas time right here in Springfield, and the Governor's imposition is unfair.

They figure that most of the solicitations for Christmas baskets came to the Governor from his own Boston stronghold, and it's up to Boston to care for its own. Why should Springfield help the Governor lick Mayor Mansfield? ask the hotelmen.

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was reported here.

CURLEY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE ON RADIO

Boston, Dec. 23—Governor Curley will broadcast a 15-minute Christmas message to the people of Massachusetts over stations WBZ-WBZA at 7 o'clock tonight, it was announced today.

EVENING UNION
Springfield, Mass.

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HOLYOKE LIFER WILL BE FREED BY GOV. CURLEY

Morris Levine, Wife Slayer,
Has Weak Heart; Six Others to Quit Prison for Christmas.

BOSTON, Dec. 23—Gov. James M. Curley today recommended that clemency be extended to Morris E. Levine of Holyoke, a 67-years-old lifer in State Prison who is suffering with a bad heart and kidney trouble. He was sentenced to life imprisonment Oct. 4, 1928, for the murder of his wife. The Governor will ask that his sentence be commuted to one of 11 to 15 years.

This brings to seven the total of prisoners, three of whom are lifers,

who will be released for Christmas by reason of executive clemency. In all cases the releases are through commutations of sentence.

Last week the Governor announced he had recommended the commutations of sentence for five prisoners, including two lifers. In one of these cases, however, that of Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac who terrorized the city in 1932 after firing two churches, the Governor said that the pardon request would be withdrawn pending an examination of Gardner's condition by Dr. Winfred Overholser, State Commissioner of Mental Diseases.

A public hearing in protest against Gardner's release was held by the Executive Council at the State House this morning. No one appeared to favor the release of the Worcester man. Dist. Atty. Owen A. Hoban of Worcester urged the postponement of clemency until the man had been examined and placed under observation for a 35-day period.

It was announced by the Governor that the Executive Council had favored the release of 10 others but that he had cut down the number to three which, together with last week's recommendations, make a total of seven men to be released.

Samuel Powers of Westfield is one of the three lifers who will go free Christmas. He was sentenced on Feb. 20, 1914, for the murder of his wife.

The Governor defied the orders of his physician to appear at the State House today and preside over the meeting of his Executive Council.

Suffering from a severe head cold, the Governor had been urged by Dr. Martin English to remain at home in bed.

No new appointments were submitted to the Council during its special session.

"I don't want to put anyone out of a job for Christmas," the Governor said when asked whether he planned to submit any new nominations.

Howard Haynes Murphy of Osterville was confirmed by the Council as State Commissioner of Agriculture to succeed Edgar L. Gillett of Westfield.

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N. Y. Teacher Asks Curley Why He Ousted Dr Smith

Inquires, in Open Letter, if Action Was Due to Smith's
Opposition to Teachers' Oath Bill

Was the failure of the governor's council to confirm the nomination of Dr Payson Smith for another term as commissioner of education due to his opposition to the teachers' oath bill? This is the question asked by Henry R. Linville, president of the New York Teachers' guild, in an open letter to Gov James M. Curley.

Mr Linville's letter intimates that the query is made with the knowledge and approval of the guild which he heads. It deplores the "tumult of wild disorder" which was reported to have been stirred by the hearings on the teachers' oath bill and charges that "responsible political officers... have thus discredited themselves."

The letter follows:—

"The press carries the information that under your leadership the Massachusetts state executive council has refused to reappoint Dr Payson Smith to the position of commissioner of education, which he had held with honor to himself and credit to Massachusetts for many years.

"Many teachers in the city of New York recall the fact that Dr Smith participated in an important survey of the schools of New York city 10 years ago. They also know Dr Smith as an able educator who has contributed to his profession signal honor and leadership, especially among con-

servative groups. We are, therefore, amazed to hear that the responsible political officers of Massachusetts have thoughtlessly punished a first-class educational leader, and have thus discredited themselves.

"For the past year teachers all over the country have been astonished at the stories coming out of the former home of culture and human liberty.

They have read about the 'tumult of wild disorder' on the occasion of the legislative hearing at Boston on the teachers' loyalty oath bill on April 2, 1935. They were not edified by the reported threat made at the hearing by a member of the women's auxiliary of the Legion to the effect that she 'would place a bombshell beneath the professors' who opposed the enactment of the teachers' loyalty oath law. Dr Smith was one of the opponents. Was his dismissal the threatened bombshell?

"The teachers of the country would like to have your answer."

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epic in later collapse."

ITEMETTES

Gov. Curley doesn't care much what people say about him, nor does he like advice, but it must have been disturbing to him if he has read some of the editorial opinions

expressing disgust, disapproval and amazement over the failure of the Governor's Council to approve Dr. Payson Smith for commissioner of education. The nomination of Dr. Smith by Gov. Curley was a gesture too far fetched to attract any merit. Perhaps Gov. Curley doesn't care for newspaper support or endorsement. The next election will tell the story.

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Waterbury, Conn.

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A MAN OF COURAGE?

The Curley legend has pictured a colorful, composite character well endowed with talent for public life but having truculence and bluster in plenty, and even a dash of brutality in moments of anger. But the picture has never left out the prime element of personal courage. If he was two-fisted and a hard hitter, he faced his foes squarely. The governor has himself retouched the picture by his performance in throwing out Payson Smith, the best qualified man of national reputation in the office of state commissioner of education since the time of Horace Mann.

The performance in its secret conception and devious execution was anything but courageous. The boldness of a man who dared to go in a straight line to his objective regardless of the criticism he knew must be encountered was wholly lacking. The preliminary undercover conference with the members of the council under the governor's control; the fake nomination of Mr. Smith for another term and its prompt rejection after the announcement that a second nomination was ready for immediate submission; the quick approval by a subservient council of the predestined commissioner—all this can be truthfully described in but one way. It was sneaking from beginning to end. —Springfield Republican.

NEWS-TRIBUNE

Waltham, Mass.

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Monday, December 23, 1935.

No Credit To Massachusetts.

From all over the country comes severe criticism of the displacement of Dr. Payson Smith commissioner of education. Newspapers outside of Massachusetts are not concerned with the manner in which the appointment of his successor was made and confirmed, nor with the qualifications of the present head of the department. What they condemn is the ousting of a man known throughout the country as an educator of the highest standing, who has constantly raised the standards to be met by the schools of Massachusetts and made his department one to which other states look for guidance. The position of commissioner of education is too important to be made the football of politics, a fact recognized by Governor Curley's predecessors, but entirely ignored by him.

One of the milder criticisms come from the Democratic New York Times—milder on the surface, but all the more emphatic because of its restraint. The Times says:

Failure of the Executive Council of Massachusetts to re-elect Dr. Payson Smith as State commissioner of education will give a shock to the educational world. He is held in high esteem by his profession. Last year at the convocation of the University of the State of New York, in urging more training of teachers in order to give children a better education, he said: "We must keep up the normal schools, not that the teacher may teach but that the child may learn." If he had stopped there, his chances for re-election as commissioner might not have been impaired. But he added that "politicians" are liable to destroy our plans for normal schools, which are the center of the whole school system.

Governor Curley stated, according to the report, that he had conferred with the Democratic members of the Council before its meeting and found that, with the exception of the lieutenant governor, all were opposed to Dr. Smith. This would seem to indicate that "politics" had a determining part in the ousting of this veteran educator who has maintained the tradition of such great New England educators as Horace Mann, Henry Barnard and William T. Harris.

It ought not to be difficult to explain the AAA to Junior after Christmas. Doubtless he will be paid good and plenty to refrain from tooting the horn Santa Claus brought.

Keep the Lottery Out.

There never was anywhere, at any time a legalized lottery that was not a demoralizing force. A lottery, whether it is a state lottery or whether run by a private concern under the supervision of the state, depends for its support upon the people who can least afford to spend their money week after week on the infinitesimal chance of winning a substantial prize. It has been the experience in every country, including the United States, that if it were not for the people of small incomes — the wage earners, modest-salaried workers of all kinds — the lotteries would not last a month.

Legalized racing — or legalized gambling on races — has proved an evil because of the toll it takes from people of small incomes. The man or woman who can afford to gamble does not go in for lotteries or pari mutuel betting as a regular practice. The man and woman and also children who have to scrimp and save for every dollar they spend on luxuries are the ones who make it possible for the promoters of race tracks to thrive for a season.

The illegal lottery racket thrives in Massachusetts just now, frequently untroubled by the law-enforcement authorities. It would be a crime against the people of the Commonwealth to enable the racketeers to conduct their business under the protection of the law. For notwithstanding the indifference of the authorities in some places there are others where life is made as unpleasant and expensive as possible for the illegal lottery agents, and occasionally some of the higher-ups are caught and made to pay.

The argument that a legalized lottery would bring a large income to the state is weak. If experience is any guide, it would benefit the state not at all. It merely would furnish an excuse for larger expenditures by the legislature. And what the people are demanding now is not larger expenditures but smaller. And in any event to increase the revenues of the state by the legalization of something against public policy, is poor judgment.

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Firebug Clemency Plan Is Withdrawn by Gov. Curley

New Examination Of Gardner Will Be Made Soon

District Attorney Hoban's Plea Bears Weight With Council

HEARING CLASHES

No One Appears to Support Recommendation For Clemency

(Special to The Post)

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 23.—Gov. James M. Curley today announced he will withdraw his recommendation for a commutation of sentence of Henry Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac, pending an examination by a state psychiatrist to establish whether he is now able to resist his impulses to set fires.

Governor Curley today sent the following letter to Dr. Winfred Overholser, state commissioner of mental diseases, requesting an examination of Henry A. Gardner:

"I recently recommended to the Governor's Council the pardon of a Mr. Gardner who had been sentenced for from six to 10 years for the crime of arson.

"At a hearing of the Governor's Council held this day, the recommendation was made by District Attorney Hoban of Worcester County that an examination should be made of Mr. Gardner by competent alienists, to determine whether he was a pyromaniac before releasing him on pardon.

"I am desirous that you have this done and report the results to me at the earliest possible date pending such action and report as outlined in the recommendation as made to the Governor's Council."

(Special to The Post)

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 23.—That Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac, who terrorized the city three years ago by setting fires to churches and dwellings, should not be released until it has been definitely determined that he can now control his impulses, was the consensus expressed by public and church officials appearing before the pardons committee of the Executive Council at a public hearing on Gov. James M. Curley's recommendation that this sentence be commuted from one of 10 to 12 years to one of four to 12 years.

Clashes

No one appeared to support the Governor's clemency recommendations.

Verbal clashes between Councillor Daniel H. Coakley of Boston and Frank A. Brooks of Watertown and Winfield A. Schuster of Douglas, who conducted the hearing for the opponents of the clemency recommendation, enlivened the hearing.

It was District Attorney Owen A. Hoban of Worcester who first urged the Council committee to postpone the proposed act of clemency until Gardner has been placed under the observation for a 35-day period. He suggested that a board of competent psychiatrists be appointed by Dr. Winfred Overholser, state commissioner of mental diseases, to determine whether Gardner is now able to resist the impulses to set fires. If the board determined that Gardner was able to resist the impulses District Attorney Hoban said he would have no objection to his release but he emphatically reiterated that the definite determination of Gardner's present condition should first be made.

Hoban's views as to the importance of determining whether Gardner would again menace the community if released at this time were supported by several other speakers who appeared to oppose clemency at once.

The first clash of councillors came when Councillor Schuster inquired if any person was present to advocate the commutation of sentence for Gardner. He declared that the people of Worcester were entitled to know who sponsored the clemency recommendation. "Let's not get into politics by going off on a tangent like that," Coakley replied.

"No one except the opponents were asked to appear at this hearing," Coakley continued. "I am very much disturbed about this case and I think the attitude of those who have spoken to us today is a sound one but let's not go off on a tangent and get into politics. I would have no hesitation in voting for commutation if I could be assured that Gardner would not drink again. But inquiring who advocates this act of clemency is getting into politics. Let's keep away from it."

Lieut. Gov. Joseph L. Hurley who presided at the hearing said that the Gardner petition was sponsored only to the extent that a favorable recommendation had been presented to the Governor by the Commission of Correction, the Board of Parole and the heads of State Prison and the State Prison Colony.

Councillor Schuster replying to Coakley said that in the past the council has learned that persons advocated pardons pointing out that they would give the prisoner employment or see that he would stay on the right track." We have considered that information significant in our deliberations and that is why I inquired if there were any here sponsoring Gardner," Schuster declared.

The clash between Coakley and Brooks was brief but more heated than the earlier clash between the Boston and Douglas member. Brooks asked the lieutenant governor if the parole board had held a hearing on the Gardner case and interviewed the prisoner.

"Go down there and ask them," Coakley suggested before the lieutenant governor could answer, "don't bother me."

"I'm not bothering you, I was bothering the lieutenant governor," Brooks replied.

"I have no information on that," the lieutenant governor informed the Watertown councillor and the hearing resumed.

Continued

Opening the hearing, Councillor Schuster read a protest prepared by the Pleasant Street Baptist Church. The protest was based on the belief that Gardner had not been adequately punished and would be dangerous if set free in the community.

Fear and Terror

District Attorney Hoban said he was on the district attorney's staff when the city of Worcester was "put in fear and terror in January of 1932 by a series of incendiary fires," he said extra firemen were put on duty "and the people were afraid to go to sleep while the firebug was at large."

Speaking on Gardner's confession, Hoban said it was found that the man was "a true pyromaniac," who had "irresistible impulses to set fires, usually while under the influence of liquor."

Councillor Coakley inquired if Gardner previously had similar spasms and the district attorney replied that the plant in which he was employed had reported five or six mysterious fires during his employment there. "When he was arrested the incendiary fires in the city stopped," he added.

"We believe he still is a true pyromaniac," the district attorney continued. "We don't know if there is any cure for it. If his sentence were commuted he would promptly be eligible for parole. I suggest that before you act favorably on this recommendation for Gardner you cause him to be examined by a competent board of psychiatrists and that he be placed under observation for a period of 35 days. I would suggest that the board be appointed by Dr. Overholser. If the board found that he was able to resist his impulses to set fires then I as district attorney would have no objection to his release. But I want it first determined that he is able to resist the impulses. If he can not properly control his impulses he would be a real menace not only to property but to life."

Chief of Police Thomas F. Foley of Worcester supported Dist. Atty. Hoban's suggestion declaring that a proper determination should be made as to whether he would commit crimes of the same nature if released.

Not Vindictive

Former Dist. Atty. Edward T. Estey, appearing as a vestryman of the All Saints' Church, informed the committee that the church did not want to appear vindictive in the matter. He said the church was fearful that if it was not represented at the hearing the inference would be made that it was not opposed to commutation of sentence. "We did not want to put ourselves in that position," he added.

The former district attorney maintained that robbers, thieves and even murderers, serving life sentences, would be safer subjects for release than men of Gardner's type afflicted with a mental twist. He also asked that the committee bear in mind the importance of ascertaining whether Gardner was fit to be released.

William P. Finneran, superintendent of detectives, Worcester police department, the final speaker informed the council committee that he was in accord with the views of the others who appeared before the council today. "Whether Gardner has been cured is the question," he reminded the councillors. "His is the most difficult type of a case to handle."

The Rev. Richard Preston, Albert W. Rice and George S. Barton, both wardens of the All Saints Church, attended the hearing but did not speak. The council committee took the matter under consideration.

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CURLEY'S BASKET FUND NOT POPULAR IN CITY

Worcester Hotel Men, Feeling First Obligation Is at Home, Fail to Contribute—Rubber-Stamped Letters Received

By JOSEPH H. DYSON

Gazette Staff Reporter

Governor Curley's Christmas basket fund will not amount to much if he depends on Worcester and Springfield hotel men to swell the total, it was indicated today. Several Worcester hotel managers admitted they had received special delivery, type-written, rubber-stamped requests Friday and Saturday, asking them to contribute to the fund out of which the Governor hopes to provide five thousand baskets, apparently for Boston's poor. They indicated that the requests had been relegated to waste baskets.

Springfield hotel men received theirs Saturday. They figured they were being "put on the spot" because of efforts of their city to obtain the Democratic pre-primary convention in June. Worcester hotel operators were not particularly interested in that angle, but they believed their contributions to Worcester charitable efforts came first. As far as could be learned none had contributed and none intended to do so.

They admitted the fund might be a worthy object—for Boston, but were unanimous in the opinion that as far as they were concerned the Governor would have to mend his own political fences with his own wire. They declined to be part or parcel of the repair crew.

The letter, on the official letterhead of the governor's office, but with his signature rubber-stamped and containing a return envelope with no stamp, read:

"Dear Friend:

"Scripture teaches, 'For the poor you will have always with you,' and due to the failure of society to enact economic laws for a more equitable distribution of the world's goods, the poor are still with us.

"To the present time I have received requests for nearly five thousand Christmas dinners from families in dire want and you can readily understand that it is an impossibility for any one person, regardless of the impulse of heart and mind, to comply with a request of this magnitude.

"If each and every individual interested in the welfare of his fellow man, however, is agreeable to making even a small contribution, it will be possible to make Christmas Day in a measure more happy for many thousands of persons.

"Consequently, I extend to you, in the event that your finances will permit, an opportunity to be of service to the more needy of the Commonwealth by forwarding a check in such amount as you deem proper to Mrs. Agnes Parker, Room

364, State House, Boston, who will acknowledge receipt of all contributions."

Sincerely,
JAMES M. CURLEY

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CURLEY FOR LENIENCY IN ZINKOWITCH CASE

By Gazette State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 23—Commutation of sentence for Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, serving a 15 to 18-year sentence, was recommended to the Governor's Council this afternoon. The name was included in three additional commutation recommendations sent to the Council by the Governor this afternoon. It was said that Zinkowitch, with a drinking companion, was involved in the theft of thirty dollars from another man. The Governor recommended that the 15 to 18-year sentence be commuted to 11 to 15 years.

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Curley Withdraws Gardner Commutation

ASKS FOR TEST OF PYROMANIAC BY OVERHOLSER

Governor Acts on Recommendation of Hoban at Hearing — Many Protest Release of Firebug

CHURCH LEADERS TELL OF TERROR REIGN HERE

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Governor Curley this afternoon withdrew temporarily his recommendation of commutation of sentence for Henry A. Gardner, serving time for firing Worcester churches and other buildings, to allow examination of Gardner under direction of Commissioner of Mental Disease Winfred Overholser. The action of the Governor relative to examination was in line with that suggested at a hearing before the pardon committee of the governor's council by District Attorney Owen A. Hoban of Gardner.

By CLINTON P. ROWE

Gazette State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 23. — The reign of terror that existed in Worcester following the firing of All Saints' and Pleasant Street Baptist Churches, in a series of incendiary fires, was described today in the Governor's Council chamber as commutation of sentence for Henry A. Gardner was protested by a group of churchmen, police officials and the district attorney of Worcester district.

As the first speaker before the pardon committee, which gave a public hearing on a recommended commutation of sentence for Gardner by Governor Curley, District Attorney Owen A. Hoban said he would suggest that before the committee took favorable action on the recommendation Gardner be examined by a competent board of psychiatrists.

The district attorney, who previously had asserted emphatically that Gardner was a true pyromaniac, said he believed he should be given a 35-day observation period and that he should be examined by a board of competent psychiatrists to be named by Dr. Winfred Overholser, commissioner of mental diseases.

"This observation should be given so that the board could give a fair picture of Gardner," the district attorney said. "So they could tell you whether he could now resist the temptation to set fires. If the board say that he could, that he is now all right, I would not oppose clemency."

"If Gardner has not changed, his release would be a menace to the life and property of the community," the district attorney asserted.

Probes Start of Move

After several had opposed the recommendation for commutation of sentence that would make Gardner eligible for parole, Councilor Winfield A. Schuster introduced the question of who had advocated Gardner's release, who had sponsored his petition. He said if there were any person in the Council chamber, or outside it, who had advocated a release they should be brought in.

Councilor Daniel H. Coakley of Brighton said that only those who opposed the commutation of sentence had been asked to appear.

At the conclusion of the hearing the pardons committee took the protests under advisement and may make a report later in the day to the full membership of the council.

Present at today's hearing were Chief of Police Thomas F. Foley, Supt. of Detectives William P. Finneran, District Attorney Hoban, George Sumner Barton, a warden of All Saints' Church, Rev. Richard Preston, its rector, Edward T. Esty, former district attorney, a vestryman of All Saints' Church, and Allen W. Rice, a warden of All Saints Church.

With Councilor James Brennan of Somerville presiding in the temporary absence of Lieut.-Gov. Joseph L. Hurley, chairman of the pardon committee, Councilor Schuster opened the hearing by presenting a protest from the Pleasant Street Baptist Church. The resolution which he read said it was the belief of the church that Gardner had not been adequately punished and that he was a dangerous man to be at large.

Reign of Terror Aired

"We know from the many inquiries which have been received that the people of Worcester County are interested in this case," Mr. Hoban said.

In describing the incidents leading up to Gardner's arrest, Mr.

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Hoban said that "Worcester was put in fear and terror by a series of fires at All Saints Church and Pleasant Street Baptist Church.

"And very serious indeed in connection with the series of fires," he went on, "were those in dwelling houses. In one case a family narrowly escaped.

"There was a reign of terror. Extra police were on duty. The fire department was on the alert. Guards were set. In some cases a husband and wife divided the watch of the night to protect themselves against the setting of a fire which they feared.

"There had been a series of fires in a plant where Gardner worked. There were fires all through the month of January and the community was greatly wrought up.

Gardner confessed setting six fires. He made this confession to Superintendent Finneran of the Worcester Detective Bureau. He was indicted on six counts, two churches and four dwelling houses, and convicted on five."

The district attorney asserted that Gardner was a true pyromaniac. He said he was usually moved to set fires while under the influence of liquor. Mr. Hoban said that after Gardner's arrest the series of terrorizing fires ceased.

Branded Pyromaniac

Still insisting that Gardner is a true pyromaniac and raising doubt as to whether a true pyromaniac ever sets up resolutions against setting fires, Mr. Hoban made his suggestion concerning a board of psychiatrists to examine Gardner to determine his exact condition and whether "he could resist the temptation to set fires." The district attorney was emphatic in his demand for this and equally emphatic that the board of examination be impartially and carefully chosen to determine Gardner's exact status.

"If Gardner is a true pyromaniac, I agree with Mr. Hoban that he should never be let out," Councillor Coakley interjected.

Lieutenant Governor Hurley took over the hearing at this point and Chief Foley was called. The chief said his department was never against clemency properly shown.

"However, it should always be demonstrated beyond doubt that clemency is properly shown," he said. "The public state of mind in connection with this case is such as to give us concern. We have received telephone calls concerning it and we have received personal calls from citizens regarding it. The people of Worcester, who are much disturbed, should have proper assurance that if this man is set at large he would not commit the same crimes."

Chief Foley agreed in whole with the statements of District Attorney Hoban.

Mr. Esty said there was no desire to be vindictive, but added that there is a larger problem for consideration, as outlined by the district attorney and Chief Foley.

Church Guarded Now

"We were fearful that if we did not speak failure to do so would be construed as approval on our part of the recommended commutation of sentence," he said. "We did not want to put ourselves in that position."

Mr. Esty said All Saints Church had suffered a loss of four hundred

thousand dollars. He said the church has been guarded day and night since.

"I don't know whether you have lived through a reign of terror by reason of a series of fires," he said. He cited a case of a man under observation who had set a fire while the observation was in progress.

"A thief is much safer to let out than a pyromaniac," Mr. Esty declared. "A murderer under a life sentence is much safer for release than a pyromaniac. You are dealing here with a mental twist."

In answer to a question by Mr. Esty concerning examination and investigation of the Gardner case, the Lieutenant-Governor said that this had been made by the State Prison warden, the superintendent of Norfolk Prison Colony, Commissioner of Correction Arthur T. Lyman and members of the Parole Board and John T. Backus, an assistant secretary to the Governor. The recommendation, he said was unanimous.

"If he should say, 'I will never drink again' I don't think it would mean anything," Mr. Esty said in referring to Gardner.

Councillor Schuster said the records revealed that Gardner, under his present 10 to 12 year sentence, would not be eligible for parole until October, 1938.

Asks Convict's Sponsors

"I think the question of who advocated Gardner's release can be raised properly," Councillor Schuster went on. "The press and the people are entitled to know who it was. If it is anyone here in this chamber, we ought to hear from them. If it was someone outside the chamber, they should be brought in here."

"No one was asked to come here except those who were opposed," Councillor Coakley interrupted. "After the recommendations in this case you wouldn't expect anyone favoring the commutation to be here."

After asserting that he "wasn't at all sure Gardner wouldn't get drunk again," Mr. Coakley said he thought the protest of the district attorney had been "very sound."

"We ought not to get off on a tangent," he continued. "That would be politics. We want to keep to the essentials of the case. Gardner might move to Boston. Let's keep politics out of this case."

Lieutenant Governor Hurley said he understood there were no sponsors other than those who had recommended commutation to the Governor.

"We have had cases where individuals have shown an interest in cases," Schuster persisted, "and if there is one in this case we should know who it is."

Answering a query by Councillor Frank A. Brooks of Watertown, the Lieutenant Governor said he did not know whether the parole board, some of whose members were reported to have favored leniency, had conducted a hearing.

"Why bother us?" asked Coakley. "I am bothering the Lieutenant Governor," Brooks replied.

Mr. Esty said he would "urge a real mental examination in this case before definite action is taken."

Declaring that he was in a position to know the state of mind of Worcester people, Superintendent Finneran said he would term Gardner a pyromaniac and doubted whether he could be cured. He

said Gardner confessed to him, although later he denied his confession at the trial.

"After this confession," Finneran said, "Gardner guided me into dark backyards at night. He would point to stairways and tell me what part of the stairways he had set on fire. I would then throw a flashlight on the stairways and find the exact spot he had indicated."

Superintendent Finneran concluded his talk with the question as to whether Gardner, "after a few glasses of beer wouldn't again give way to the impulse to get a thrill."

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Murphy Confirmed Agriculture Head

BOSTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The executive council confirmed Gov. James M. Curley's appointment of Howard H. Murphy, of Osterville, as state commissioner of agriculture today.

The action came after the council delayed confirmation several weeks. Murphy succeeds Edgar L. Gillett.

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have a fractured skull and his name was placed on the danger list.

Joseph Zinkowitch Is Granted Pardon

(Special to The Post)

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 23—Gov. James M. Curley today announced he has recommended to the executive council the commutation of sentence of Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, who was sentenced in 1928 to serve 15 to 18 years for stealing \$30.

His sentence will, the Governor said, be commuted to one of 11 to 15 years.

With a drinking companion, Zinkowitch stole the pay envelope of a third man and although the envelope was found on the companion, he was released and Zinkowitch sentenced.

The executive council today granted a pardon on parole conditions to Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester. There was no record vote.

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WASHBURN'S WEEKLY

By R. M. WASHBURN

HENRY PARKMAN, Jr., is a State Senator, from the Third Suffolk District, made up of some wards in Boston and Cambridge. He is now in his fourth term. He is

forty-one years old, plus, and has eight feet, two in his shoes, and six plus in his height. He was born in Boston. He studied at Noble & Greenough's, in the days before John Richardson became its directing business head. He was graduated from St. Mark's School,

before his brother, Francis Parkman, became its headmaster. Henry is an early bird. He took an A. B. and an M. C. L., at Harvard in 1915, and an A. M. in 1916. He studied two years at the Harvard Law School.

In the Great War, he was a captain of infantry overseas, a real soldier, and did not hide behind an army mule at the Golden Gate. He was four years in the Boston City Council, which called for more courage than when he met the Hun. It is not unlikely that he may become a candidate, either for Senator, Governor or Lieutenant Governor. "Vistas of statesmanship welcome him," I believe, as the Lodge Harvard degree read, this from suspicious hands. Harvard was not long on Lodge.

Those dopesters who hang over the political rail, and the ladies with their lorgnettes who fasten their fire upon political entries, cannot safely ignore this possible entry from the Parkman stables. Mr. Parkman is one of the two most forceful men in State politics. Like all of this sort, he has often been a target for the fire of the enemy, particularly from the mouth of the late Baron Billingsgate, nee Richard Grant, whose voice has now become silent in the service of the State. The late Charles W. Barron, whose

news-sheet once mistook me for a doormat, said at one time: "Cheer up, Washburn, we are doing you a service. It is a sign that you are getting great." So the fact that Baron Billingsgate, with his unfiltered diction, concentrated his fire, more upon Mr. Parkman than upon anyone else, is a sure sign that Mr. Parkman, in the opinion of the Baron, at least, is foremost among fighting Republicans, for a hymn of hate.

So watch Parkman. Few men have performed more signal service to their party. He was president of the Republican Club. He was a leader in the Essex County fight which elected Mr. McSweeney to the Senate. In 1928, he went out successfully, as a David against that putative political Goliath, the Puritan, Innes. He showed Charlie that he was more of a myth than a monarch. He licked him as a delegate for the National Convention, when the timid said there would not be enough left of Parkman to fill one basket. Mr. Innes was then the leader of a diverse army of saints and sinners, including in its number not only a churchwarden and a retired "little cabinet" officer, but also even those outcasts who smoke cigarettes.

So watch Parkman, in whom, as too seldom, high civic purpose, capacity and courage walk as hand-maidens. He has a pep, a power and a punch that appeal. And in his amenities he has a courtesy and a consideration for others that I have seldom seen equalled, and which loom on the paths of politics, where barn-yard fowl abound.

True, that Mr. Parkman is in a way a factional figure. He has his feverish foes, as he has his fanatic friends, as can be said of all such men as he. No one is apathetic as to him. When his name is mentioned, some send him flowers and others crawl out onto the fire escape. All this can be said without reflection upon Mr. Parkman, for it was said of T. R., the Great, not the Emulator. Nevertheless, Henry rides down that disability in other ways. He is a successful platform performer. Should he go into a fight for any of the offices above set forth, he would kick up a blinding dust in the faces of

many of the other competing candidates.

And yet all such as he suffer. For in a political campaign most everybody is out to lick somebody and very few are out to elect anybody. The skill of the swatter, and the charm of this practice, is very much in evidence. It's more tempting to tear down than to build up, to throw an egg rather than to "set" one. The strongest candidate for public office, unfortunately is not the man of whom something good can be said, but that individual of whom nothing is known. Then the swatter is silent. Blessed are the boobs, for it is they who cast the votes. Pleasing Parkman.

An open Christmas letter. The Frog Pond, Boston, December 23, 1935. Dear Jim: Us fellers on the benches have been talking about you and our old happy days together. We have seen little of you. We fear that you are getting "stuck up" and have forgotten the playmates of your humbler days. We have been trying to follow your political plunges, and are now overwhelmed with vertigo. Because of your sudden, sharp turns, some of us are now in the hands of an osteopath. Nevertheless we are under no obligation to you for much spiritual development.

In 1883, Harvard, unhappily more of a political liability than an asset, for the first time, declined to recognize a Governor, then Butler, with an honorary degree. In later years, Representative Lomasney tried to put through the Legislature a bill for a statue of Butler on the State House grounds. He wanted to try out the spiritual qualities of the Beaconese who passed on their way to business. The bill was turned down. Harvard should now publicly express its regret, and also the Legislature, for in many ways, Jim, Governor Butler gave the State an admirable administration, that is in contrast with yours, Jim. They must have been very fussy in those days. North Easton papers copy.

You promised us work and wages, Jim, but you are the only one that has a job. The best evidence that you are Governor is that the price of eggs

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has doubled. Think, how some hollered for you. You seem to be living pretty well on a salary of \$10,000. Don't you think that you could come across with Christmas presents for us? You may not need some of the cast-off uniforms of your butlers. We could take off the brass buttons and find them quite useful. This would appeal to the human side of our natures and lead us, perhaps, to forget some of your breaks, as when you propose to set free that firebug who burned up my own All Saints' Episcopal Church in Worcester, at a loss of \$400,000. And yet his release might stimulate the building trade, when he is again back on his job. Brighton papers kindly copy.

You not only have not found work for us, Jim, but you are also to deprive many citizens of their present livelihood. You propose to abolish all of the Council and half of the Legislature. You have just appointed Councillors Russell and Burdick. Now you propose to throw them out. One of us fellers was recently operated upon, his brain, and the surgeon forgot to put it back. We thought he might be able to get into the Council where he would not miss it and would be happy. A voter must read, to qualify, but all a Democratic Councillor needs to know is the word: Yes. We sometimes think that if you could be abolished it would be better than the abolishment of anybody else. Why not fall on your own sword, in the cause of decent government? These Councillors are now getting \$2000 a year for one day's work a week, with a luncheon thrown in. The legislators are paid the same, for six months' work a year. Where are all of these men going to be able to find anything to do, if they lose their present jobs? Where can these Councillors and Legislators find such a cinch as they now have?

Us fellers feel, Jim, that you are overworked and that you need another trip. Why not go to Ethiopia? You deserve a rest. We agree with Dan that you have made the best Governor that Massachusetts has seen, that is since the days of Joe Ely. We think that we could raise a fund which would take you even as far as Ethiopia and establish you there for life in regal style. The natives would add much color to your life. Think it over.

I see that Mr. Roosevelt is now paying out money to divinity students. This is not a bad idea, and the best work that we think that they could do would be to go into a retreat and pray for you. If you are planning to call on me, telephone, so that I may tell the dog. He wants a Christmas present, a pair of "pants." You ought to have a Merry Christmas, Jim, for you are the only citizen who is happy under our State Government. You will have a full stocking, if you "put your foot in it," as you have into everything else.

With the Poets

Song

Richard Watson Gilder

Because the rose must fade,
Shall I not love the rose?
Because the Summer shade
Passes when Winter blows,
Shall I not rest me there
In the cool air?

Because the sunset sky
Makes music in my soul,
Only to fail and die,
Shall I not take the whole
Of beauty that it gives
While yet it lives?

Because the sweet of youth
Doth vanish all too soon,
Shall I forget, forsooth,
To learn its lingering tune;
My joy to memorize
In those young eyes?

If, like the Summer flower
That blooms—a fragrant death,
Keen music hath no power
To live beyond its breath,
Then of this flood of song
Let me sing long!

Ah, yes, because the rose
Fades like the sunset skies;
Because rude Winter blows
All bare, and music dies—
Therefore, now is to me
Eternity!

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FUNERAL HELD FOR GEORGE D. MORSE

Civic, Fraternal Tribute to WPA Official

Leaders of four branches of American governments, federal, state, city and county, together with hundreds of friends and relatives, yesterday attended funeral services for George D. Morse, 59 Stafford street, assistant State WPA Administrator and Democratic leader in Worcester County.

The Worcester Lodge of Elks held ritualistic services at the Graham Funeral Home, 838 Main street.

Active bearers were Robert F. Cross, regional WPA director of Bristol county; Richard M. Fitzgerald of the Worcester Telegram and The Evening Gazette; William Cooney, John T. McManus of Webster; Joseph Weldon of Spring-

field, chief deputy collector of internal revenue; Timothy J. Lowney of the Internal Revenue office, Worcester; R. Nelson Molt of Worcester, secretary of the Metropolitan Water Commission and Lawrence Daley of Webster.

Honorary bearers were Mayor Mahoney, John J. Backus of New Bedford, representing Governor Curley; State Treasurer Charles F. Hurley; Frederick G. Brennan, representing State WPA Administrator Arthur G. Rotch; Joseph P. Carney of Gardner, New England regional director of the R. F. C.; John J. Power of Worcester, deputy regional director of the Federal Housing Plan; Rep. Joseph N. O'Kane of Dudley; Dr. Joseph P. McCooley, representative from Ward 7; Sen. John S. Sullivan; Clerk of Courts William C. Bowen of Worcester; Judge Emil Fuchs of Boston, compensation commissioner; Thomas H. Green of Boston, Civil Service commissioner; Sen. Joseph A. Langone of Boston; Rep. Fred A. Blake of Gardner; Daniel Morrill of Southbridge, president of the Worcester County Democratic League; Charles H. Morse of the Worcester Telegram and The Evening Gazette, Sheriff H. Oscar Rocheleau and Constant Pantos of the Greek Community of Worcester.

The following delegations attended: Elks, Raymond D. Leigh, exalted ruler; Edward J. O'Rourke, esteemed leading knight; Edward F. Simpson, past exalted ruler; J. Lawrence Barsky, inner guard; Lawrence Young, esquire, and Herbert J. Kinnier, treasurer.

Deputy Sheriffs' Association, George W. Laughnane, Southbridge; Louis R. Cormier and John J. Walsh of Worcester; John E. Murphy of Athol; Louis E. Grandmont of Spencer, and J. Harry Flynn of Millville.

Jeffersonian Club, Alexander G. Lajoie, president; Eugene A. O'Rourke, William J. Horan, Hugo N. Peterson, J. J. Broderick, John F. Powers and Frank Broderick.

Democratic City Committee, John H. Quinlan, chairman; Mrs. Minnie Cahill, N. Joseph Mooney, Mrs. Anna A. Sharry, Mrs. Katherine T. Murphy, Mrs. Marion Longergan and Cornelius J. Corbett.

Ward 7 Democratic Club, George T. Laroek, president; Mrs. Mary O'Neil, Frederick B. Foley, Mrs. Mary E. Steen, Mrs. Evelyn Turcotte, Mrs. Bridget Green and Mrs. Mary Clifford.

Clarence W. Gallagher and Fred-eric R. Profit represented Worcester Council, United Commercial Travelers. Burial was held in East Village Cemetery, Webster.

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2 WARRANTS ARE ALSO ISSUED

Two secret indictments were returned by the grand jury following the first phase of its investigation into alleged school graft and an attempt to shake down temporary teachers.

A short time after the indictments were returned, warrants were issued against Robert Brown of Columbia road, South Boston, and Frederick Carroll of N street and West Fifth street, South Boston.

The indictments, returned within 20 minutes after the grand jury had finished the first day of its probe, charge the two men named with conspiracy to steal, attempting to commit larceny from nine teachers and soliciting another to give a bribe to influence the vote of a school committee member.

21 WITNESSES HEARD

The warrants, issued after the indictments were returned, were given to Police Inspectors Martin Conroy and James Concannon to serve.

In all today, 21 witnesses were heard by the grand jury, with all four members of the school committee, Superintendent Patrick T. Campbell and 10 teachers included.

Only three witnesses out of the 24 summoned remained to be heard when the grand jury completed its session for the day, signed the indictment forms and then was excused until tomorrow morning.

These three were William W. Drummey, superintendent of schoolhouse construction; Joseph Wagner, assistant director of music, and Andrew Evers of West

Cedar street, West End stationery salesman.

MACKEY HEARD

Last of the school committee members to go into the grand jury room was Dr. Charles E. Mackey, chairman. Preceding him were Dr. Joseph V. Lyons, Maurice J. Tobin and Frederick R. Sullivan.

Superintendent Campbell was just ahead of the committeemen, and before him were Alexander Sullivan, business manager for the school department; Representative George Demeter, counsel for one teacher and legal counsellor for Wagner; Albert McCarthy of Watertown, a Columbus avenue stationer, and George D. Robinson of 80 Federal street, architect.

A surprise witness summoned was Albert McCarthy, salesman for a Boston stationery firm, who was secretly quizzed over the week-end by District Attorney William J. Foley and his aides, Frederick T. Doyle and Garrett Byrne.

McCarthy is the second such salesman to have been quizzed relative to attempts made by "bagmen" to slice into commissions if they could secure contracts for school supplies handled by the salesman.

OPERATOR HEARD

First to go before the grand jury was Miss Katherine O'Neill of Harvey street, Cambridge, telephone operator and cousin of Miss Mary E. Brennan of Charlestown, a Boston teacher.

Miss O'Neill is declared to have been the first approached by the "bagmen" regarding the scheme to shake down temporary teachers for \$50 each on the "bagmen's" assertion that they could "freeze" the temporary teachers' list.

After realizing what the scheme meant, she warned off the "bagmen" and told them to leave her cousin alone, she is declared to have told authorities.

In order, these girls followed Miss O'Neill into the grand jury room:

Miss Brennan; Genevieve Mackey of South Boston, teacher, and sister of Dr. Charles E. Mackey, school committee chairman; Agnes Dolan, telephone operator at school committee headquarters; Mary Keenan of Tremont street, Charlestown, teacher.

Mary M. McTiernan of Green street, Charlestown, a teacher and daughter of Police Sergeant Thomas McTiernan, retired; Lucy Moisan of Monument square, Charlestown, teacher; Elizabeth Corrigan of Orchard Drive road, Forest Hills, teacher; Catherine Manning of Samoset street, Dorchester, teacher; Marie G. Bulman of Oakley street, Dorchester, teacher; Madeline Trainor of Sixth street, South Boston, teacher, and Mary L. Moran of Pearl street, Charlestown, a teacher.

Both alleged bagmen were expected to be in custody tonight on indictments charging a number of things, as the probe was "blowing wide open."

High public officials in Boston were acting to protect themselves as District Attorney Foley continued the quest.

Political Boston stood on the sidelines and wondered as the district attorney swept aside political ties in exposing the racketeering ring which has preyed, so officials said, on the \$20,000,000 business

venture which is the Boston public schools.

District Attorney Foley and his aides, Assistant District Attorneys Doyle and Byrne, have only had the case for a week.

PROBES ASTOUNDED

But in that week the disclosures which have tumbled one atop the other have so astounded the investigators that today's evidence was considered merely a preliminary to bigger exposures to come.

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Girl Teachers Testify at Probe



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—Picture from International News Photograph Service
This trio of Boston substitute teachers were among ten who testified today before the special session of the grand jury investigating charges of graft and shakedown of teachers. Left to right, the girl teachers are Mary Keenan of Tremont street, Charlestown; Mary G. Bulman of Oakley street, Dorchester, and Mary L. Moran of Pearl street, Charlestown.

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TEACHERS' GRAFT HEARING OPENS

"Bagmen" Flee Grand Jury Probe

Two alleged bagmen hurried for cover today as the Suffolk County grand jury began hearing evidence of their operations in the Boston teachers' extortion ring.

Both alleged bagmen were expected to be in custody tonight on indictments charging a number of things, as the probe was "blowing wide open!"

High public officials in Boston were acting to protect themselves as District Attorney William J. Foley continued the quest.

Political Boston stood on the sidelines and wondered as the district attorney swept aside political ties in exposing the racketeering ring which has preyed, so officials said, on the \$20,000,000 business venture which is the Boston public schools.

More than 30 witnesses were in the outer office of the grand jury room as that body met today to hear evidence of corruption in the school department.

District Attorney Foley and his aides, Assistant District Attorneys Frederick T. Doyle and Garrett H. Byrne, have only had the case for a week.

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Today's presentation of evidence to the special sitting of the grand jury will bring before that body, it was announced, the four present members of the Boston School Committee.

In addition, a telephone operator in the school committee headquarters will tell her story of the incursions of the two alleged bagmen.

Several temporary teachers, who were promised steady jobs for the payment of \$150, and one of whom caused the present investigation by revealing the offer, will also tell what they know.

The list of witnesses is a long one, and the presentation may go over into tomorrow.

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U. S. Bans Dividend By Federal Bank

There will be no "Christmas dividend" for depositors of the closed Federal National Bank of Boston.

On Dec. 11 Governor Curley took up the cudgels for the depositors and asked that authorities in Washington rush through their handling of the closed bank in order to release some money by Christmas.

J. F. T. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, replied by pointing out the arbitration or compromise, as suggested by the Governor, was not possible under the law.

According to O'Connor, the case now in hearing before a master might drag out another two months before a decision can be made.

The only way "in fairness to the depositors" to establish the amount due depositors, O'Connor's letter said, is to permit the hearing to continue its routine course.

The matter could then be wound up in a comparatively short time, say 60 days," the letter added.

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Curley's Basket Fund to Aid 3000

Christmas baskets, each containing a complete dinner, will be given to 3000 needy families as a result of Governor Curley's efforts. Distribution will start tonight.

Approximately 7000 requests were received by the Governor. It developed about two-thirds of the list could be cared for. To all those who contributed to the fund the Governor today extended thanks.

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FIREBUG PARDON PLEA DENIED, 7 FREED

Seven Christmas pardons, including three to lifers, were voted by the executive council today, after Governor Curley withdrew his recommendation in behalf of Henry A. Gardner, Worcester "firebug," in the face of vigorous opposition.

Freedom was voted for four of the five recommended by the Governor last week. The three additional were selected from a list of 10 the councillors wanted freed, the Governor said.

The following were voted freedom: Morris Levine, 67, of Holyoke, convicted of the second degree murder of his wife in 1928.

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Samuel Powers of Westfield, convicted in 1914 of the second degree murder of his wife.

Wojciech Birusz of Salem, convicted in 1920 of murdering Mary Blavoie. (Conditional on deportation to Poland.)

William G. Henry, serving a three to five-year sentence for larceny of \$17,000 from a Dorchester co-operative bank.

Joseph Zinkowitch, sentenced in 1928 to 15 to 18 years for robbery.

William Hooper of Lynn, sentenced two years ago to serve

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MURPHY O. K.'D IN FARM POST

Howard H. Murphy of Osterville was confirmed by the governor's council today as state commissioner of agriculture. The vote was 6-3, the three Republican members opposing.

Murphy's appointment had been tabled for three weeks in the face of opposition by the State Grange and the Farm Bureau. It was Murphy who endorsed Governor Curley for membership in the grange at a Hyannis meeting during the governor's campaign for election.

Murphy's confirmation followed receipt of notification by the Governor from Dr. Arthur W. Gilbert, former commissioner, that he was not a candidate for the position.

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Curley, on Job, Disobeys Doctor

Governor Curley, in appearing today at the State House to preside over the executive council, did so against orders of his physician.

The Governor was suffering from a heavy cold. Dr. Martin English, it was learned, advised the Governor to remain at home in bed. The Governor took the doctor's advice only on remedies to allay the cold, saying he would

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company, believing that a fire had started, sounded an alarm. Many of the 100 workers in the six-story factory fled.

Gov. Curley was suffering from a bad cold today and under the orders of his physician, Dr. Martin J. English, to b home in bed, but the Governor was at his office in the State House just the same, trying to clean up accumulated work. The Governor said the cold was made worse because he worked late last night on his annual message to the Legislature, and this is now in shape except for finishing touches. The Governor said the message will be about 35 pages in length.

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Statesmen Godfathers To Twins

With Governor James M. Curley and Lieutenant-Governor Joseph L. Hurley as their godfathers, the twin sons of Captain and Mrs. William J. McCluskey, Wendell park, Milton, were christened at St. Mary of the Hills Church, Milton. The boys were given the names of their respective godfathers.

from six to seven years for manslaughter.

Thomas J. Paretta of Cambridge, sentenced in 1929 to 12 to 20 years for manslaughter.

TEST FOR GARDNER

Today's nominations were Henry, Levine and Zinkowitch.

Gardner's name was withdrawn after the council committee on pardons heard the protests of Worcester church dignitaries, fire officials and law enforcement officers.

Governor Curley said he would have state alienists examine Gardner. His name will be submitted again later if he is found sane.

Suggestion for the examination was made by District Attorney Owen A. Hoban of Worcester, who said he believed Gardner to be a "true pyromaniac." Gardner was sentenced in 1932 to serve 10 to 12 years after setting a series of fires, several in Worcester churches.

Verbal clashes between Councilors Coakley, Brooks and Schuster enlivened the proceedings. Schuster demanded the names of any persons who advocated Gardner's release.

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SPONSORS, TWINS AND PARENTS



PRINCIPALS IN MILTON CHRISTENING

Left to Right—Mrs Edward C. Carroll, Lieut Gov Joseph L. Hurley, Mrs William J. McCluskey, Mrs William J. Foley, Capt William J. McCluskey, Gov James M. Curley.

CURLEY, HURLEY GODFATHERS FOR TWIN MCCLUSKEY BOYS

MILTON, Dec 22—Honors were heaped on the twins born to Capt and Mrs William J. McCluskey of 94 Wendall Park, Milton, today.

They were the first twins ever to be baptized in the new Church of Our Lady of the Hills in Milton and their sponsors were Gov James M. Curley and Lieut Gov Joseph L. Hurley. The youngsters were christened with the names of their distinguished sponsors. They will be known as James Michael McCluskey and Joseph Leo McCluskey.

The children had a political background from the start. They were born on the day of the last city election. There are six children in

the McCluskey family now. The other children are Jane, William, Anne and John McCluskey.

Father Active in Politics

Capt McCluskey, father of the children has been active in politics in Milton for several years. He is the first Democrat to be elected in the town. He holds a position on the Milton Water Commission. He has always been a loyal supporter of Gov Curley in his various political activities.

He is a military instructor in the Boston schools, assigned to the intermediate schools of Dorchester, where he has remained for the last 10 years. Mrs McCluskey, like her husband, is a native of South Boston. She was Mary Kelley.

More Than 200 Attend

There were more than 200 persons many active in civic affairs, present at the party which followed the christening. Capt Edward M. Connors was the master of ceremonies. The Michael J. Perkins Post Band, in charge of Capt Charles M. Lyons, played.

The twins' godmothers are also widely known in the state and active in charitable, civic and political affairs. Mrs Edward C. Carroll, wife of Senator Carroll, was godmother for James Michael McCluskey, and Mrs William J. Foley, wife of the district attorney of Suffolk County, was sponsor for Joseph Leo McCluskey.

Senator Carroll and the district attorney were among the guests attending the party.

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HOLDS UP WORCESTER FIREBUG'S PARDON

Gov Curley Acts After Request by Delegation For Mental Test

Gov James M. Curley announced this afternoon that he would withdraw his recommendation for commutation of sentence in the case of Henry A. Gardner, Worcester firebug, pending a report from Dr Winfred Overholser, State Commissioner of Mental Diseases, as to whether or not Gardner has been cured of his pyromaniacal tendencies.

"If Dr Overholser reports that Gardner has been cured by the time he has served in prison," the Governor said, "I shall then resubmit my recommendation for commutation of sentence to the Executive Council."

The Governor's decision to withdraw his recommendation for commutation of Gardner's sentence from 10-12 years to 4-12 years followed soon after a delegation of Worcester residents, headed by Dist Atty Owen A. Hoban, had appeared before the pardon committee of the Executive Council to recommend delaying taking action on the Gardner case pending just such a report as the Governor has now requested of Dr Overholser.

Members of the committee on pardons of the Governor's Council heard Dist Atty Owen A. Hoban of Worcester and other officials of that city recommend that favorable action on the Christmas clemency urged by Gov Curley for Gardner be withheld, at least until the convicted pyromaniac be placed under observation to determine whether he is now able to control his impulse to set fires.

Dist Atty Hoban suggested that a board of competent psychiatrists be named by Dr Overholser to determine whether Gardner, if released from prison, will be able to restrain his mania for setting fires.

His suggestion was seconded by C. Thomas Foley, Worcester Chief of Police, William Finneran, superintendent of Worcester detectives, who obtained a confession from Gardner, and Ex-Dist Atty Edmund Esty of Worcester.

The latter appeared as a member of the vestry of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Worcester, one of the buildings fired by Gardner. Esty was accompanied by Rev Richard G. Preston, rector of the church, and by George S. Barton and Albert W. Rice, senior and junior wardens, respectively.

Coakley-Schuster Clash

The hearing was enlivened by verbal clashes between Councilor Daniel H. Coakley, on the one hand, and Councilors Frank Brooks and Winfield Schuster on the other.

Schuster, who represents the Worcester District in the Council, introduced the members of the Worcester

delegation and asked to be informed who "sponsored this man's release."

"I think the people of Worcester are entitled to know who is behind this proposed clemency," Schuster said.

Councilor Coakley suggested that Councilor Schuster's suggestion introduced politics into "a very serious matter."

"I am very much disturbed about this case," the Boston Councilor declared. "Gardner apparently felt this uncontrollable impulse to set fires only after he had been drinking."

"If I could be sure that he was never going to have another drink for the rest of his life, I should be in favor of setting him free. I don't think it makes any difference who sponsors the commutation of Gardner's sentence and I think we don't want to go off on a political tangent."

Answers Schuster's Question

Lieut Gov Joseph L. Hurley, who presided at the meeting as chairman of the committee on pardons of the Council, then answered Schuster's question with the statement that Gardner's case was recommended to the Governor by Commissioner of Correction Arthur T. Lyman, the full parole board, warden Frank Lannigan of State Prison and Supt Maurice Winslow of the State Prison Colony. All agreed in urging commutation of Gardner's sentence from one of 10-12 years to one of 4-12 years, the Lieutenant Governor said. Such action would make the prisoner eligible for parole immediately.

Speaking for the All-Saints' Church, Mr Esty said his delegation was "asking you members of the Council whether you want to take the responsibility of setting free a man with this inclination—this compelling impulse to set fires."

"I don't know whether any of you have lived through the terror caused by the knowledge that a pyromaniac is at large in your community. The murderer under life sentence is a much safer man in the community than the firebug. He is much less likely to repeat his crime than the man with a mental twist."

Both Esty and Hoban urged on the Council the need for some state institution to care for border-line cases like Gardner's, where a mental condition is the cause of the crimes committed. Councilor Coakley offered his agreement, with their statement of this need, and urged Dist Atty Hoban to appear before the legislative committee in favor of some such program next month.

After the Worcester delegation had presented its case, the Council went into executive session.

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CONFIRMATION OF MURPHY

Gov Curley Expects It by Council Today

Gov James M. Curley indicated before the Executive Council went into session today that he expected that body to take favorable action this afternoon on the appointment of Howard Haines Murphy as state Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Governor first submitted Murphy's name four weeks ago, and the Council has tabled action on it ever since. Protests against the appointment have been made by a number of farmer and dairy groups.

If confirmed by the Council this afternoon, Murphy, whose home is in Osterville on Cape Cod, will succeed Edgar L. Gillett of Canton. The Governor indicated today that he had at least considered reappointing Commissioner Gillett, as several farmer organizations had recommended, but Gillett, the Governor said, had written that he would not accept reappointment because he had accepted another position.

The Governor said that he did not intend to submit any new appointments to the Council this afternoon.

"I wouldn't want to throw anyone out of office so shortly before Christmas," the Governor said.

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NEW TROPHIES FOR PROUT MEET JAN 25

Early Entries Show Keen
Interest in K. C. Games

Evidence of a quickened tempo in indoor track is clearly reflected in the return of entries for the 15th annual William C. Prout Memorial games, at the Boston Garden, Jan. 25.

Although the entry blanks have been out only a few days, more than a score of colleges have notified William P. Kenney, director of the games, that they will enter relay teams.

At a Sunday afternoon meeting in the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus headquarters, 120 Boylston st., it was learned that five valuable trophies will be at stake in the contests, including another "most valuable athlete" award by Pere Marquette Council. Last year Ivan Fuqua, ex-Indiana University star, who won the 600-yard special, received the cup as his own property.

There will be a new Leo Larrivee trophy in the two-mile run, as Joe McCluskey retired the first one last January, after Finland's Nurmi, Poland's Pietkewicz, Brooklyn's Gus Moore and Johnny Follows also had their names engraved on the cup which was presented to perpetuate the memory of the former Holy Cross track captain, who was killed on a Chicago street by a taxicab some years ago. The Holy Cross Club of Boston is presenting the new trophy.

The K. of C. mile, won a year ago by Glenn Cunningham, will again be run for the cup presented by Gov. Curley, and the Kansan hopes to defend.

Chuck Hornbostel of Indiana, continuing his graduate studies at Harvard, undoubtedly will again be a starter in the Bishop Cheverus 1000-yard run, but there will be a new winner in the Prout Memorial 600 yards, because Fuqua, 1935 victor, is now a coach at Wesleyan University and is no longer eligible. Sprints at 50 and 300 yards, hurdles, high jump and relays round out the program.

State Deputy Joseph H. Martin of the Massachusetts K. of C. went over the preliminary plans with the Prout Games committee yesterday.

Bill Kenney, prominent in the A. A. U. for two decades, presided. Associated with him on the committee are Edward L. Farrell, Harvard coach, who has gained four pounds in the last two weeks; James J. Gaffney, Danvers, ex-Harvard sprinter; Thomas J. McCabe, Holy Cross athletic director; Daniel J. Kelly, State Boxing Commissioner and former Springfield College three-sport star; George C. Carens, Arlington; Bart F. Sullivan, Holy Cross track coach, and State Deputy Martin.

Among the colleges which have entered teams are Middlebury, a newcomer to this meet; New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Technology, Springfield, Maine, Bates, Massachusetts State, Boston College, Worcester Tech, Northeastern, Tufts, Holy Cross, with others to be heard from.

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5000 ON SIDEWALK PROJECTS TO BE PAID

Commissioner William F. Callahan of the State Department of Public Works, after a conference today with Gov. Curley, announced that the 5000 men engaged in sidewalk projects throughout the state will receive their pay in time for Christmas. Some will be paid today and the remainder tomorrow, he said. The men were recently engaged. To make it possible that they receive money for Christmas, clerks in the State Public Works Department have been working night and day making out payrolls.

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GOV CURLEY HAS SEVERE COLD

At State House Against
Advice of Physician

Gov James M. Curley attended the special meeting of the Executive Council at the State House against the orders of his family physician. Dr Martin J. English, it was learned today.

The Governor is suffering from a severe cold and called the doctor to his home on the Jamaica way this morning before leaving for the State House.

"I had worked up to 1 o'clock last night on by message to the Legislature and I guess it didn't help my cold any," the Governor said.

The Governor revealed that he expects his annual message to the Legislature, which he will deliver on New Year's Day, will be nearly 40 typewritten pages long.

The Governor has been working hard on the message for several weeks. It is now, he said this afternoon, practically completed, awaiting only "finishing touches" before going to the printer.

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CLEMENCY FOR A LIFER

Governor Adds Levine of
Holyoke to the List

Gov James M. Curley today added the names of three other prisoners, one of them a lifer, to the list of recipients of Christmas clemency which he announced last Wednesday.

The lifer is Morris Levine, 67, of Holyoke, who was sentenced in October, 1928, to serve a life sentence for the murder of his wife. The Governor said that Levine is suffering from serious heart and kidney trouble and is not expected to live much longer.

He will go to Vermont to make his home with a daughter, the Governor said, as soon as he is released on parole, to which he will become eligible if the Executive Council approves the recommendation of the Governor that Levine's sentence be commuted from life to one of from 11 to 15 years.

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SUFFOLK VOITURE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Society of 40 'n' 8, Suffolk Voiture 543, gave its annual Christmas party for children at the Home for Destitute Catholic Children, 788 Harrison av, yesterday afternoon.

Santa Claus and his reindeers, two clowns, Minnie and Micky Mouse, Popeye the Sailor, Santa's official magician, Frank Lane; Zambo, the flame eater, and the "So Long League," fun makers of the 40 'n' 8, entertained. Three reels of movies were shown.

Gov Curley and his young son, George, were among the guests. Ice cream, cake, candy, and presents, were distributed by the 30 members, headed by Dr Frederick J. Bailey, acting Health Commissioner of the city; Frank Lane, Mrs Helen Gormley, who with her auxiliary members distributed many gifts; John D. Crowley of Cambridge, past national commander, and George R. McDermott, chef de gar.

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MURPHY IS CONFIRMED TO AGRICULTURE POST

Appointment Approved by Council, 6 to 3, on a
Strictly Party Division

Howard Haines Murphy, Osterville farmer, today was confirmed by the Executive Council as state Commissioner of Agriculture, to which he had been appointed by Gov James M. Curley four weeks ago.

The Council vote for confirmation was six to three, the body splitting again along party lines. Republican Councilors Frank A. Brooks of Wattertown, Winfield A. Schuster of East Douglas and Joseph B. Grossman of Quincy all voted against confirmation.

Commissioner Murphy will succeed Edgar L. Gillett of Canton, who was appointed commissioner by Ex-Gov Joseph B. Ely. Before the Council meeting Gov Curley had indicated that the Democratic members of the Council had informed him that they were ready to take favorable action on the Murphy appointment.

Various farm groups and the State Grange had protested the appointment of Murphy and the Council had tabled the appointment on three successive meetings.

It is possible that the announcement by Former Commissioner Arthur W. Gilbert that he would not accept appointment to the post because he had accepted another position was influential in bringing about favorable action on Murphy today.

The Governor did not disclose whether he had actually tendered Gilbert an offer of appointment. State agricultural organizations had urged the appointment of Gilbert or appointment of Shaun Kelly of Richmond, father of Shaun Kelly Jr, Harvard's football captain last Fall.

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SEAWALL PLAN UP TO GOVERNOR

Would Protect Winthrop
and Revere Shore

Gov Curley will shortly decide whether to accept or reject an engineering scheme for the protection of lowlands between Revere and Winthrop from the sea's assaults in Winter.

The plans call for a seawall, a parking space for automobiles which bring bathing parties to the vicinity in Summer time, a big locker building for men and women and a playground area for children of the district.

If the project were undertaken in its entirety, the cost would be \$800,000, and several hundred men would be given employment for one year, it is estimated. Albert Ampolo, Chelsea engineer, drew the plans, presented to the Governor by Ex-Senator C. J. Brodbine.

For years this entire section, particularly that around Roughans Point, has been subjected to costly Winter floods, and the idea is to protect Summer cottages there, as well as year-round residences, a church and a school, father back from the shore.

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THRONG AT FUNERAL OF GEORGE D. MORSE

Leading Democrats Attend
Worcester Services

Special Dispatch to the Globe

WORCESTER, Dec 22—The funeral of George D. Morse, a member of the staff of State W. P. A. Administrator Arthur G. Rotch in Boston and a leading Democratic worker in Worcester County for the past 25 years, was held today in the Graham Funeral Home, which was taxed to capacity by Democratic party leaders and workers from all parts of the state.

Among those present were Judge George C. Sweeney of the United States District Court, representing President Roosevelt; Secretary John C. Bachus and Col Joseph Hanken, representing Gov Curley; Fred S. Brennan, assistant W. P. A. administrator; State Treasurer Charles F. Hurley; Joseph P. Carney, New England manager of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; John J. Power, regional director of the Federal Housing Administration; Thomas B. Hasset, deputy collector of Internal Revenue; Edward Hatton, of the State W. P. A. office staff; James F. Carberry, regional W. P. A. administrator of Worcester County and his staff; State Senator John S. Sullivan and Representatives Joseph P. McCooney and Anthony R. Doyle, representing the Massachusetts Legislature; Herbert J. Kinneery, representing the State Automobile Registry Department; Ex-Congressman George R. Stobbs, Sheriff H. Oscar Rocheleau, Clerk of Superior Court William C. Bowen, Mayor John C. Mahoney, City Clerk Malcolm C. Midley, Leo Loftus of the Democratic State Committee, Dr William A. Bryan and Mrs John J. Powers, representing the trustees of the Worcester State Hospital, of which board Mr Morse was a member, and Daniel C. Morrill, president of the Worcester County League of Democratic Clubs.

Democratic committees of nearly all the towns around Worcester and the Jeffersonian Club were represented by delegations.

The service consisted of the Elks' ritual, conducted by Chaplain E. R. Raymond Leigh, Francis D. Hedge, Lawrence G. Young, Edward J. O'Rourke, Edward F. Simpson and Lawrence Barsky of Worcester Lodge.

The bearers were Robert F. Cross, regional director of the W. P. A. in Bristol County; Joseph Weldon, chief deputy collector of internal revenue in the Springfield district; R. Nelson Molt, secretary of the Metropolitan Water Commission; Lawrence J. Daly and Thomas McManus of Webster, Richard Fitzgerald, William Coomey and Timothy Lowney.

Burial was in the East Cemetery, Webster.

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Editorial Points

Turkey, Greece, Rumania, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia have assured Great Britain that they will give military aid in case Italy resorts to force in resistance to sanctions. All together they could furnish quite a lot of military assistance.

The biggest crowd of Christmas shoppers since 1929 was reported in Boston stores last Saturday, but nobody will have reason to feel lonely in the shopping district today.

Perhaps after the Grand Jury investigation which opens this morning some of us may learn why a bagman is called a bagman. Certainly not because he is a relative of Santa Claus.

Accounts of the Nazi Christmas observances featuring tanks and machine guns sounds like the old-time celebrations of Der Tag.

American exports to Ethiopia in November amounted to \$1034 in value as compared to \$9,054,915 in value to Italy, indicating that the Ethiopian blockade of Italy lacks effectiveness.

So the Capitol of Oklahoma is built above an oil pool, is it? What a break it would be if someone struck oil on Beacon Hill.

Not even the oldest inhabitant ever thought he would live to see the day when the Democratic state committee closed the year, any year, with more than \$14,000 in its treasury.

Two hundred and sixty Bennington College students have departed from the college to start on two months' research study and they have chosen approximately 260 different subjects to study, not including college men.

Talk of building that new courthouse in Boston keeps recurring, and every now and then someone suggests that the Elevated structure might be removed, showing what hardy things are ideas.

Saturday was "Forefathers' Day" in Plymouth, though naturally not all the Mayflower descendants were in Plymouth to enjoy it.

Russian observers expect a Japanese invasion of Outer Mongolia. Russia would not like that.

Gov Curley wants this country to build an air force double that possessed by any other country, so he must have been pleased to read in yesterday's papers that the War Department has just ordered 203 fighting airplanes.

Marblehead expects to reap much tax benefit from the increased number of yachts stored at the boat yards there. Pleasant news to the owners of the yachts.

"Most Soviet girls are sharpshooters" . . . keep away, keep away! As the old song has it.

Among the signs of returning prosperity noted this year is the revival of the "million dollar gate," reached in the Joe Louis-Max Baer bout. Maybe Mr Barnum underestimated the birthrate.

There is plenty of ice for those who expect skates for Christmas but the snow is still miles away from local skiers.

Christmas mail is estimated to be 25 percent greater than it was last year; and the bills have not gone out yet.

Reports that it was 27 below zero three miles above Boston on Saturday is still another good reason for us ground hogs to prefer the ground.

The days had not lengthened very long before the cold began to grow stronger, as you may have noticed.

What a smug feeling early shoppers have while reading about the crowds jamming the stores these last few days before Christmas—and how few of us share this feeling.

The time to do your Christmas shopping now is very early indeed. Just as soon as the stores open, in fact.

Are you prepared to make a New Year's resolve to do next year's Christmas shopping early?

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LISTS PROUT MEET JAN. 25 AT GARDEN

K. of C. to Offer Six Special Events on Program

The annual William C. Prout Memorial track meet, sponsored by the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus, will be held at the Boston Garden, Jan. 25. There will be six special events, the invitation 50-yard dash, 300-yard run from scratch, William C. Prout Memorial 600-yard run, the Bishop Cheverus 1000-yard invitation, the Leo Larrivee special two-mile run, and the K. of C. mile for a trophy donated by Gov. Curley.

There will be a new Larrivee trophy in the two-mile run, as Joe McCluskey retired the first cup last January. The Holy Cross Club of Boston is presenting the new trophy. There will be another trophy for the "most outstanding athlete" awarded by Pere Marquette council. Ivan Fuqua, the former Indiana University star, who won the 600 special last year, received the cup for his permanent possession.

Among the colleges which have entered teams are Holy Cross, Tufts, Northeastern, Worcester Tech, Boston College, Mass. State, Bates, Maine, Springfield, Tech, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, with others to be heard from. The Sugar Bowl invitation meet next Saturday, in New Orleans, is expected to provide the first line on the season's stars, many of whom will compete in the Prout games.

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CURLEY, HURLEY AT CHRISTENING

Twins Are Named After Them at Rites in Milton Church

Named for the Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor of the commonwealth, the twin sons of Capt. and Mrs. William J. McCluskey of 94 Wendell park, Milton, had those dignitaries present at their christening yesterday.

But that was not the only honor that some the way of James Michael and Joseph Leo McCluskey. They were also the first twins to be baptized in the new Church of Our Lady of the Hills.

Born on the last city election day, the youngest sons of a man who had been active for years in Milton politics, their has been a political background from the start. The other children are Jane, William, Anne and John McCluskey.

Their father is the first Democrat to be elected to office in Milton. He is a member of the water commission, and also serves as a military instructor in the Dorchester schools.

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ELKS HOLD SERVICES FOR GEORGE MORSE

WORCESTER, Dec. 22—Representatives of national, state and city governments attended the funeral this afternoon of George D. Morse, 59 Stafford street, assistant to Arthur G. Rotch, state WPA administrator. The funeral was held from the Graham funeral home, 838 Main street, with the ritualistic service of the Elks conducted by the officers of the Worcester Lodge of Elks. Burial was in East Village cemetery, Webster.

Among those who attended were Federal Judge George C. Sweeney, representing President Roosevelt; John Bachus and Col. Joseph Hanken, representing Gov. Curley; Fred S. Brennan, assistant WPA administrator, representing Mr. Rotch; State Treasurer Charles Hurley; Joseph P. Carney, New England manager of the RFC; Ex-Congressman George R. Stobbs, Mayor John C. Mahoney of Worcester, and Sheriff P. Oscar Rocheleau of Worcester county.

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Our Mail Bag

Payson Smith's Ousting
Bad Blow to Education

To the Editor of The Herald:

The New York Times brings to us former Massachusetts and Boston people, the astounding and distressing news of the "ousting" of Dr. Payson Smith as state commissioner of education. At this distance we cannot, of course, know anything about special circumstances but we can say that this proceeding will deal Massachusetts and public education, a serious and depressing blow.

Dr. Smith is more than a Massachusetts educational official. He is a national figure, successor of eminent educators and custodian of valuable and effective educational traditions. It is nothing less than a calamity for public education in Massachusetts.

For over 35 years I had a small but very active part in helping to preserve for Massachusetts, its enviable eminence in the field of education. As a pupil and disciple of William T. Harris, himself among the most eminent of educators, I saw many years ago when Dr. Smith was still commissioner for the state of Maine, a coming man in this profession. I have followed with approving interest and satisfaction his growth, development and mastery of public school problems, and his zeal far exceeding state limits in enlarging and expanding them.

If unhappily "politics" has caused the sudden and shocking decapitation of this public official in Massachusetts, the state must be prepared to lay aside its worthily earned and worthily worn crown and become a creature of such scandalous management and abuse as have made the New York system so distressing and shocking a spectacle. To think of Boston and Massachusetts education becoming Tammanized is a melancholy prospect. A. A. BERLE, SR.
New York, Dec. 20.

Indignation

To the Editor of The Herald:

Hats off to The Boston Herald for its crack-a-jack editorial entitled, "Brutality on Beacon Hill." No words are too strong to adequately flay the policies and practices already completed in the State House.

Recently ex-Gov. Fuller called upon the people of Massachusetts to rise up and "fumigate the premises," and I congratulate The Boston Herald in the leading role it has already taken, and I hope will continue to follow, in this direction. Dr. Smith was a noble successor to Horace Mann and the other great commissioners who have steered Massachusetts to an enviable place in the educational world.

MAURICE R. SEYMOUR.
Brockton, Dec. 19.

From School Official

To the Editor of The Herald:

I cannot find words to thank you enough for your editorial "Brutality on Beacon Hill"—Education is the biggest thing in our social and economic life today and it is very hard to understand how Gov. Curley can oversee the fact that he is depriving nine-tenths of the people of our state of what Payson Smith has done and would do if he had been retained as our commissioner of education.

HERBERT W. DODGE,
Supervisor of Attendance.
Grafton, Dec. 19.

Partisan and Brutal

To the Editor of The Herald:

Congratulations on your editorial entitled, "Brutality on Beacon Hill." You certainly voiced the sentiment of a great many thinking people in our commonwealth. The Governor has acted on too many occasions in a most "brutal" and partisan manner. His main purpose as chief executive seems to be to advance the interests of his party, right or wrong. This narrow, unfair and revengeful attitude is not conducive to wholesome and co-operative citizenship. We need to inspire and encourage open, fair and upright dealings in our public affairs among all our citizenry. The examples which have been set under the present administration do not tend in this direction.

It is my earnest hope that the citizens of this state will awaken to their responsibilities and will purge our state government of various iniquities and queer political tactics that we have been forced to endure of late.

I sincerely trust that the public educational institutions of this state may continue to retain the high esteem in which they are now held by the nation at large. If they should decline in prestige the present Governor will have to answer for that.
A. PATTERSON.
Taunton, Dec. 19.

Oath and Fitness

To the Editor of The Herald:

Much nonsense has been uttered concerning the so-called Teachers' Oath, by both sides of the argument. Nothing has come to my attention, however, more amazing than the statement attributed to Robert J. Watt in connection with a protest he made against the appointment of Mr. Reardon to be commissioner of education.

The only interpretation to be placed upon this statement, as quoted in your Thursday morning paper, is that Mr. Watt believes that anyone who takes an oath to uphold the federal and the state constitutions and faithfully to discharge the duties of his position as a teacher, is thereby rendered unfit to instruct our children, and he is a menace to the safety of the state.

It seems to me incredible that a man of Mr. Watt's standing and experience did give expression to such an opinion.
JOHN D. DRUM.
Boston, Dec. 20.

Forbearance

To the Editor of The Herald:

One admires your forbearance. You could write (splendidly) on Dr. Payson Smith and his successor ("Brutality on Beacon Hill") and, on the same page, on Shakespeare and refrain from Hamlet's "So Excellent a King . . . Hyperion to a—!" How did you manage it?

R. H. WATTS.

Whitman, Dec. 22.

How Long? How Long?

To the Editor of The Herald:

If the supreme court invalidates a law the New Deal has made, New Dealers are ready with a substitute. If the people in general do not want to abide by laws the New Deal has made, jail and heavy fines are mandatory.

I wonder how long the New Dealers expect to keep the respect of a law-abiding people?

LELIA D. CHENERY.
Monmouth, Me., Dec. 19.

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Governmental Projects

To the Editor of The Herald:

I am led to write this article after reading an item "Gov. Curley pointed out . . . that the full quota of 120,000 former ERA workers had been placed at work under PWA."

I wish to give one instance which I know to be true. A formerly well respected home owning citizen lost everything he had during the depression. First, his job, then his home, next a member of his family through death creating additional suffering, and was thrown onto the world without any resources at his disposal. He is 60 years old.

For a short time he was given ERA work, but because of his present lack of dependents during a lull he was let go, promised another position but never re-hired. He was repeatedly told he would be sent for as soon as possible, but never given work.

Because of his previous employment, and constant application for other work, his name was retained in the files and he was certified as eligible for work under the WPA.

This man's occupation was accountant, but under the ERA he worked as time-keeper, was well liked, and his work praised as being efficient.

For nine months now he has only had what friends could spare to give him. Not once has he been given even one day's work. Without doubt Mr. Rotch never knows of these instances, nor how many are actually suffering from want of work of any kind to do.

It would be rather interesting to visit some of the local offices, stand in line, learn the facts discussed among those applying for work, and hear of their experiences at the hands of those appointed to give out the jobs.

CHARLES T. THOMAS.
Middleboro, Dec. 10

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BALKS \$3000 GRAB LOSES SCHOOL JOB

War Veteran, Now G-Man, Declares Demand Made When
He Sought Supervisor's Position---Made Complaint
to Mayor---Appointed, Again Refused to Pay---
Fired Within the Next Few Months for
"Unsatisfactory Work"

Special Grand Jury Will Begin
Hearing Evidence Today on
"Bagmen" Charges

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Witness in the Case Involving Judge Missing—24 Called Upon to Testify

BY LAWRENCE R. GOLDBERG

With everything in readiness for the presentation of the sensational charges of graft and corruption in and about the Boston school system before the special session of the Grand Jury this morning, came new and amazing allegations yesterday involving further certain high public officials—one of these allegations coming from a former attendance supervisor in the Boston schools and at present a G-man attached to the United States Treasury Department.

Before nightfall tomorrow, officials predicted last night, at least two men—alleged bagmen—will be indicted on one or more counts of larceny, conspiracy to commit larceny and attempted larceny, and by the end of the week, these officials also forecast, one or more high public officials may also be indicted by the same jury for corrupt practices in the conduct of their positions of public trust.

Meantime, it was disclosed last night, an important witness being sought for the past 24 hours by Inspectors Martin Conroy and James Concannon, attached to the office of District Attorney Foley is missing from his home in Somerville and could not be located last night for questioning. He is being sought as a result of the charge made by Joseph F. Wagner, assistant director of music in the public schools, that a judge approached him a few months ago and informed him that for \$2000 he could arrange the securing of an important school post.

This witness, whose name is being kept secret, is a close friend of Professor Wagner, officials revealed.

The judge in question, it was learned last night, has not yet been interrogated regarding the amazing charge, but has told friends who have repeated his statements to members of District Attorney Foley's staff, that he is innocent of the charge made against him by Professor Wagner.

Demanded \$3000

The newest charges pointing to graft and corruption in and about the school system were made yesterday by Patrick Fleming, of 57 Brighton avenue, Brighton, a World war veteran who served with the 12th Regulars. He was a former supervisor of attendance in the Boston schools and at present is a G-man, attached to the Internal Revenue Department of the United States Treasury.

His charges involve four high public officials, one of whom, he alleges, approached him and asked him to contribute \$3000 for a position as supervisor of attendance in the schools. Instead of paying this amount, he said, he went to the then Mayor Curley and complained to the city's chief executive.

The latter told him, according to Mr. Fleming, "not to pay anyone a d—d

cent for any position, under any circumstances." The Mayor promised at the time, according to the charges, to look into the matter. A few days afterward, according to Mr. Fleming, he was notified that he had been appointed to the post.

Fired Shortly After

"I got it, after all, without paying the \$3000 for it, which I was asked to pay and I smiled to myself at my good judgment at having brought it to the attention of the Mayor. But, within a few months afterward, I was dropped from the position for 'unsatisfactory work,' when I insisted, following another suggestion being made to me to pay, that I would not contribute a penny for the post."

According to Mr. Fleming, he made no further complaint to the then Mayor, but revealed the situation to Captain Francis M. Doyle, a member of the school department at the time. Captain Doyle, he said, then drew up charges, which he presented in written form to two high public officials. The charges, however, were pigeon-holed and never brought to light after that.

Doesn't Remember Incident

Governor Curley, reached at his home in Jamaica Plain last night and asked about the incident, declared he could not recall at this time either Fleming or the particular charge made to him, but asserted that while mayor of Boston he always warned persons seeking appointments to public posts and awaiting promotions that under no circumstances were they to pay anyone anything for these appointments or promotions.

"That's been a strict rule of mine ever since I have held public office," the Governor declared. "I have always said that no one should under any circumstances pay anyone a penny for any public post he receives or for a promotion from one post to another. I have told persons time and time again that if I ever found out that anyone had paid anything to anyone for a public post, that person was out and out to stay."

Amazed by Demand

Mr. Fleming declined last night to amplify his charges, declaring he would wait until called before the grand jury, where he would tell the whole story.

"I sought the position of supervisor of attendance in the Boston schools. It is a civil service position. I took the examination and I was placed No. 2 on the list because of my marks and the veterans' preference. Then I was approached by a high public official, who told me that he represented two other public officials and that they would have to be paid \$3000," he declared last night.

"I was amazed and not a little chagrined by the effrontery of the official who notified me that I would have to pay. He said what was wanted was two years' salary, amounting to a little over \$3000, but that \$3000 would be all right. He explained that this sum was needed to take care of certain officials who would have to pass upon my appointment. Once I secured the position, he assured me, I was all set for life.

Thought He'd Beaten Them

"I was disgusted and went to Mr. Curley, who was Mayor at the time. I told him I was a World war veteran and that I had taken the examinations for the post in the proper way and that I had been placed No. 2 on the list. I informed him of the demand for \$3000 and he immediately declared I was not to pay anyone a d—n cent for any position under any circumstances.

"He said he would look into the matter at once, and I have reason to believe he did, for a few days later I received a notification that the position was mine. I was just becoming acclimated, so to speak, and enjoying the knowledge that I had checkmated those seeking money for the post, when I received word that my services were no longer required because of 'unsatisfactory work.'

Like Old "Army Game"

"I'm an old army man. It looked much like the so-called 'old army game' to me. I didn't say any more to the Mayor because I felt that I ought not to bother him any more. But I did bring it to the attention of friends. They advised me to make charges, which I did, but nothing ever followed. At the proper time I shall name those persons involved, including the official who approached me and asked me bluntly for the \$3000."

Mr. Fleming was appointed attendance supervisor for the Boston schools in November, 1929, at a salary of \$1680 a year. In June, 1930, he was dropped from the post.

According to Captain Doyle, who last week publicly attacked members of the School Committee, he made charges to the School Committee in writing as recently as Oct. 12, 1935, but these charges, he said, were "pigeon-holed." He also charged that he was instructed to send his charges in writing to the Boston Finance Commission, which he said he did. There, too, he alleged, the charges died without an airing.

Sums State's Case

While new charges of graft and corruption were pouring in to District Attorney Foley and Assistant District Attorneys Frederick T. Doyle and Garrett H. Byrne, yesterday, the gist of the State's case at present is to be presented this morning to the special grand jury, it was learned.

The district attorney will seek to show that a telephone operator, a substitute teacher and two alleged bagmen conferred for three hours at a Back Bay hotel, during which the alleged bagmen chose from the list the names of 40 substitute school teachers, including those of two substitute school teachers said to be related to two members of the Boston school committee, and that the alleged bagmen marked them off as those who would be made permanent school teachers provided they paid \$50 down and \$100 upon appointment.

That the alleged bagmen, representing themselves as authorized to act for certain high public officials, instructed the girls to get these 40 teachers together at a meeting to be held the day before the regular conference of the school committee, and to inform them that they were to pay \$50 each then, which would make a total of \$2000 which, according to the alleged bagmen's statements, would be distributed among certain public officials for the purpose of placing the names of these 40 substitute teachers on a prior list that was scheduled to be "frozen" at the meeting of the school committee.

That the girls were instructed by the two alleged bagmen, after being assured that there was nothing wrong in what they were being told to do, to inform the 40 substitute teachers that after the names of these substitute teachers had been included in the list scheduled to be frozen—after the \$2000 had been paid by these teachers—these

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40 substitute teachers would have to pay \$100 each in addition, making a grand total of \$8000, whereupon they would be taken from the list of substitute teachers and made permanent teachers in the Boston schools.

That such a meeting was called, which only nine substitute teachers attended, including one substitute teacher who is a cousin of a high public official, and that the statements of the alleged bagmen were relayed to those present.

That when the "break" in the alleged corrupt conditions occurred and the expose began, a girl telephone operator called one of the two alleged bagmen to her home and told him that she wasn't going to permit her cousin to be the "goat," that the expose would cost this cousin her job as a substitute teacher and that something would have to be done about clearing the names of all the substitute teachers innocently inveigled in the affair.

Called Up Official

That the alleged bagman assured this girl she had nothing to worry about, that the high public official he claimed he represented would take care of everything "and would hush up anything," and that there was no need of any qualms on the part of those who attended the meeting.

That in the presence of the telephone girl, the alleged bagman put in a call to the high public official he said he represented, called him by the first name; then conveyed to him what was disturbing the girl at the time. That after finishing his conversation with a person he declared was the high public official, he turned to the girl and assured her she had nothing to worry about as far as her cousin or the other substitute teachers who attended the meeting was concerned.

The district attorney expects to offer as corroboration of the allegation that such a meeting was called and held, the statements of all the substitute teachers who were called on the telephone or approached in person and told about the meeting to be held, and those who attended the meeting.

Had to Pay \$250

He also expects to show through Andrew Evers of 86 West Cedar street, Boston, who sold \$1200 of school supplies to the city, that he had to pay a "commission" of \$250 to one of the alleged bagmen and was told that if he did not pay he would receive no more contracts.

It is reported he also expects to show that George E. Robinson, a Boston architect, was approached and met by appointment by two high public officials and that the three went to a Boston hotel, where Mr. Robinson checked in, and that the three men conferred for some time in the room on a matter having to do with the accepting of plans drawn up by the architect for the

construction of additional wings to Boston schools, which, when accepted, would cost the city \$33,000.

That both the high public officials when called into the district attorney's office and questioned regarding this alleged meeting denied they attended any such meeting with Mr. Robinson. That Mr. Robinson was first introduced to one of the high public officials by one of the alleged bagmen.

Will Produce Register

The district attorney expects to support the charge that such a meeting was held by introducing as evidence the register of the hotel, which is said to show that on the night in question a George E. Robinson did register at the hotel and occupy the room.

The district attorney expects to show that one of the private rooms in the school committee quarters at 11 Beacon street was used for some time by one of the alleged bagmen, who represented himself as authorized to interview persons going to the rooms on

regular business, and that this alleged bagman used the office, desk and telephone there until ejected by Superintendent of School Patrick T. Campbell, after complaints had been made against him by Miss Agnes Dolan, the telephone operator in charge of the switchboard.

That before this alleged bagman was ejected from the private office his activities there were brought to the attention of a high public official who is claimed to have done nothing about ordering him removed.

Professor Wagner's Charges

The district attorney also expects to show, it was reported, that two high public officials met by appointment Professor Joseph F. Wagner, an assistant director of music in the public schools, at the Boston City Club, where Professor Wagner told them he had been approached by a judge and had been told that for \$2000 the judge could arrange the securing of a public office by Professor Wagner.

That Professor Wagner also told these two officials in the course of lodging his charges, that after refusing to pay the \$2000 he was again approached, some time afterward, by the judge, and told that for \$1400 the judge could then secure his appointment.

That Professor Wagner in outlining his charges to these two officials named the judge and named the official the judge is alleged to have said he would contact and pay for the post.

No Hearing Held

That after the charges had been placed before these two officials they were repeated by Professor Wagner to another official.

That one of the officials declared to Professor Wagner at the time, according to the professor's charges, that he was going to report the matter immediately to the district attorney, because of the naming of a judge by Professor Wagner; that one of the other officials pleaded that this not be done, offering as a reason the contention that to do so might bring adverse publicity to the entire school system.

That although Professor Wagner, according to his charges to officials, insisted the matter be investigated and prosecuted to the limit, that no complaint was ever made, nor any public hearing on the charges held, nor mention made of the charges made to the district attorney.

Denied Knowledge

That when these officials were called in last week and questioned by the district attorney as to whether they had any knowledge of any corrupt practices in or about the Boston school system, and whether they knew of any serious charges ever being made in connection with appointments, promotions, the awards of contracts, etc., these officials replied that they did not have any such knowledge.

That these officials withheld from the district attorney vital information necessary in his probe of the allegations and charges of graft and corruption in and about the Boston school system.

This, it was learned last night, is only the gist of the preliminary charges to be placed before the special session of the grand jury, but by no means the bulk of the State's contention that it has been established there is graft and corruption in and about the school system.

To Call 24 Witnesses

When these charges are placed this morning before the grand jury by District Attorney Foley, his two assistants, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Doyle, will be present to aid in clarifying the law on certain points and to conduct the interrogation of the 24 witnesses.

It is expected at least two court days will be required for the district attorney to put into evidence the preliminary charges.

Any indictments returned by the grand jury will be secret indictments for immediate service, it was learned.

"Our first objective is to secure the indictments of the two suspected bagmen and to bring about their arrest," the district attorney declared last night. "At this time I can say no more, because of the seriousness of these charges."

Once indictments have been returned and the arrests of the two alleged bagmen made, it was predicted last night, the "blow-off" will follow swiftly.

Will Fight to Finish

Both the alleged bagmen are residents of Boston and are family men. Each has children. Neither is expected to admit the charges, but instead, it is anticipated, the pair will fight to the end.

Both of the alleged bagmen have already retained counsel, it was learned last night. One of them is expected to be represented by his brother-in-law, who is a member of a well-known Boston law firm.

Special police arrangements have been made for the handling of any crowds that might flock to the offices of the district attorney while the grand

jury is in session. The corridors and all approaches to the grand jury room are to be kept clear and barred to the public. Police and plainclothes inspectors will be on duty at the offices of the district attorney during sitting of the grand jury. No one will be allowed to molest any of the witnesses summoned.

The witnesses called to appear this morning are:

Today's Witnesses

Dr. Charles E. Mackey, chairman of the school committee; school committee members Dr. Joseph V. Lyons, Frederick R. Sullivan and Maurice J. Tobin; Superintendent of Schools Patrick T. Campbell; Assistant Director of Music Joseph F. Wagner; William W. Drummey, a member of the School House Building Commission; Alexander M. Sullivan, business manager for the Boston school committee.

Miss Agnes Dolan, telephone operator at the School Committee rooms; Miss Katherine O'Neil, a telephone operator in the Boston exchange; Attorney George Demeter; substitute teachers Miss Mary E. Brennan, Miss Genevieve Mackey, Miss Madeline Trainor, Miss Marie G. Bulman, Miss Mary L. Moran, Miss Mary Keenan, Miss Lucy Moisan, Miss Mary M. McTiernan, Miss Elizabeth Corrigan; George A. Robinson, Boston architect; Miss Catherine Manning, and two other witnesses whose names will not be made public until they testify.

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K. C. MEET AT GARDEN ON JAN. 25

Plans Completed for Feature Races; New Larrivee Cup

Evidence of a quickened tempo in indoor track is clearly reflected in the return of entries for the 15th annual William C. Prout Memorial games, which will be held at the Boston Garden, Jan. 25. Although the entry blanks have been out only a few days, more than a score of colleges have notified William P. Kenney, director of the games, that they will enter relay teams.

ANOTHER VALUABLE AWARD

At a meeting in the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus headquarters yesterday it was learned that five valuable trophies will be at stake in the contests, including another "most valuable athlete" award by Pere Marquette Council. Last year Ivan Fuqua, the former Indiana University star who won the 600-yard special, received the cup as his own property.

There will be a new Leo Larrivee trophy in the two-mile run, as Joe McCluskey retired the first one last January, after Finland's Nurmi, Poland's Pietewicz, Brooklyn's Gus Moore and Johnny Follows also had had their names engraved on the cup which was presented to perpetuate the memory of the former Holy Cross track captain, who was killed on a Chicago street by a taxicab some years ago. The Holy Cross Club of Boston is presenting the new trophy.

The K. of C. mile, won a year ago by Glenn Cunningham, will again be run for the cup presented by Governor James M. Curley, and the Kansan hopes to defend. Chuck Hornbostel of Indiana, continuing his graduate studies at Harvard, undoubtedly will again be a starter in the Bishop Chevrus 1000-yard run, but there will be a new winner in the Prout Memorial 600-yard, because Fuqua, 1935 victor, is now a coach at Wesleyan University and is no longer eligible. Sprints at 50 and 300 yards, hurdles, high jumps and relays round out the Jan. 25 programme.

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Curley and Hurley as Godfathers for Twins



TWINS CHRISTENED

The twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. William J. McCluskey of Milton christened with Governor Curley and Lieutenant-Governor Joseph L. Hurley acting as godfathers. Left to right, Mrs. Edward C. Carroll, Lieutenant-Governor Joseph L. Hurley, Mrs. William J. McCluskey holding Joseph L. McCluskey; Mrs. William J. Foley, William J. McCluskey holding James Michael McCluskey, and Governor Curley.

Marking memorable days in the lives of Governor Curley, Lieutenant-Governor Hurley and Captain and Mrs. William J. McCluskey of 94 Wendell Park, Milton, the McCluskey twin boys were yesterday christened James Michael and Joseph L. McCluskey, respectively, at a ceremony at St. Mary's of the Hills Church, Milton.

The boys were born Nov. 5, the day that Governor Curley and his running mate were elected to office. Captain McCluskey, who lived in South Boston for a time, where he married his wife, the former Miss Mary Kelley of South

Boston, was an active supporter of Governor Curley in Milton during the campaign and before that for 20 years.

Yesterday Mrs. William J. Foley, wife of District-Attorney William J. Foley, was the sponsor for James Michael McCluskey, for whom Governor Curley acted as godfather, and Mrs. Edward C. Carroll, wife of State Senator Edward C. Carroll, acted as sponsor for Joseph L. McCluskey, for whom Lieutenant-Governor Hurley acted as godfather. There are four other children in the McCluskey family, Jane, 13; William J., Jr., 12; Ann, 10, and Jack, 9.

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40 AND 8 PARTY FOR CHILDREN

**Governor and Son Also in
Attendance**

Governor Curley, accompanied by his son, George, attended the Christmas party given for 154 children in the Home for Destitute Catholic Children, 788 Harrison avenue, South End, yesterday, by Suffolk Voiture of the 40 'n' 8, playboy organization of the American Legion.

The Governor and his son arrived after the children had been presented with a gift and box of candy by Santa Claus and had enjoyed an entertainment.

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CURLEY WILL ASK FOR AMENDMENTS

Governor Curley at the opening session of the Legislature, next month, will urge the legislators to amend the State unemployment compensation law to make it conform more closely to the federal act.

Six words must be omitted from the law in its present form to have it approved by the federal government, but Governor Curley will probably suggest an amendment that salaries up to \$3000 be included in the law, Chairman Fuchs revealed last night.

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Nurse Plays Santa at Hospital Party



(International News Photo)

Councillor-elect John J. McGrath of Dorchester was host at a Christmas party for the child patients of the Mary E. Curley building at City Hospital yesterday. Nurse Mildred Perkins of the hospital staff is here shown presenting June Alberghini of East Boston her gift.

SANTA'S HELPERS MEET CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL

It was a big day for children at City Hospital yesterday, with a pre-Christmas party gladdening their hearts, and making them forget for a few hours the pain and the weary hours of illness.

To one small girl, in particular, the sparkling Christmas tree, the gay entertainers and the festive gifts were particularly welcome. She has been confined at the hospital for eight months, strapped to a frame, unable to walk or to lift her frail little body without aid.

She is June Alberghini, 9, of Putnam st., East Boston, known in the children's ward as the "ideal patient." She has been there longer than any other child. Her nurse, Miss Mildred Perkins, paid tribute to her bravery and patience.

"I've asked Santa Claus to let me walk for my Christmas present," she said.

Her eyes brightened as she showed her other gifts; a stamp book and a doll.

Councillor-elect John McGrath of Dorchester led eight child entertainers through the wards, and their songs and dances brought joy to the small patients. Two WPA entertainers, John Clancy, a juggler, and John Rando, an accordionist, also visited the wards.

Many of the children joined in Christmas songs and carols. For all there were gifts and a special holiday meal.

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NEW LARRIVEE TROPHY FOR PROUT GAMES AT GARDEN JANUARY 25

CUNNINGHAM EXPECTED IN CURLEY MILE

Evidence of a quickened tempo in indoor track is clearly reflected in the return of entries for the 15th annual William C. Prout Memorial games, which will be held at the Boston Garden, Jan. 25.

Although the entry blanks have been out only a few days, more than a score of colleges have notified William P. Kenney, director of the games, that they will enter relay teams.

At a meeting yesterday in the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus headquarters, it was learned that five trophies will be at stake in the contests, including another "most valuable athlete" award by Pere Marquette Council.

Last year Ivan Fuqua, the former Indiana University star who won the 600-yard special, received the cup as his own property.

There will be a new Leo Larrivee Trophy in the two-mile run, as Joe McCluskey retired the first one last January, after Finland's Nurmi, Poland's Pietkewicz, Brooklyn's Gus Moore and Johnny Follows also had had their names engraved on the cup which was presented to perpetuate the memory of the former Holy Cross track captain, who was killed on a Chicago street by a taxicab some years ago. The Holy Cross Club of Boston is presenting the new trophy.

The K. of C. mile, won a year ago by Glenn Cunningham, will again be run for the cup presented by Governor James M. Curley, and the Kansan hopes to defend. Chuck Hornbostel of Indiana, continuing his graduate studies at Harvard, undoubtedly will again be a starter in the Bishop Cheverus 1000-yard run, but there will be a new winner in the Prout Memorial 600, because Fuqua, 1935 victor, is now a coach at Wesleyan University and no longer eligible. Sprints at 50 and 300 yards, hurdles, high jump and relays round out the Jan. 25 program.

FARRELL AIDS

State Deputy Joseph H. Martin of the Massachusetts K. of C., went over the preliminary plans with the Prout Games committee yesterday. Bill Kenney, prominent in A. A. U. circles for two decades,

presided. Associated with him on the committee are Edward L. Farrell, Harvard coach, who has gained four pounds in the last two weeks; James J. Gaffney, Danvers, former Harvard sprinter; Thomas J. McCabe, Holy Cross athletic director; Daniel J. Kelly, state boxing commissioner, and former Springfield College three-sport star; George C. Carens, Arlington; Bart F. Sullivan, Holy Cross track coach, and State Deputy Martin.

Among the colleges which have definitely entered teams are Middlebury, a newcomer to this meet; New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Technology, Springfield, Maine, Bates, Mass. State, Boston College, Worcester Tech, Northeastern, Tufts, Holy Cross, with others to be heard from.

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HEARING TODAY ON GARDNER PARDON

In the shadow of Christmas Eve, a hearing will be held today in the Governor's Council Chamber for persons desiring to protest against extension of executive clemency to Henry A. Gardner of Worcester, serving 10 to 12 years in State Prison for maliciously burning a building.

Although Governor Curley pointed out that his approval of commutation of sentence was supported by the unanimous recommendations of "every official connected with the penal department and with corrections," reports of opposition by Worcester clergy and others had led him to hold the hearing.

"If a protest is justified in this case by those men who teach of forgiveness," said the governor, "and they are influenced in their views even in the shadow of Christmas and all that it conveys, then there is no way to justify granting pardons or commutations to any offender."

According to the governor, it was Gardner's first offense and he was under the influence of liquor at the time.

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NOVEL TOY SYMPHONY ON AIR TONIGHT

Tim and Irene Will Be

Beery's Guests

By STEVE FITZGIBBON

Here's a grand opportunity to try out some of those gadgets that you have bought the kiddies for Xmas . . . Tonight at 8 o'clock over NBC-WBZ, Marcelli's band will play "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" . . . The ditty will be played with two dollars worth of toy tin horns, whistles, drums, etc. . . . So get the things out of the closet and see how you shape up along side of Marcelli's boys . . . Incidentally, it will give you a chance to put in a little secret practice so you can show the kiddies how bright you are on Xmas morn . . . This advice sounds so good that we'll probably do it ourself . . .

Benay Venuta, now in Chicago with "Anything Goes," returns to CBS waves New Year's Eve . . . Jackie Cooper, and Tim and Irene, will be Wally Beery's guests Saturday p. m. . . . Many folks have been asking for Tim and Irene so it looks as though Wally's sponsors have heard the call . . . Gov. Curley will discuss "Social Security" on WNAC Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. . . . Jane Froman talking business with a trio of sponsors . . .

FRED ALLEN'S SANTA

Ambrose Smith, who has been toiling the past several weeks as a Santa Claus in a Manhattan department store, will wind up his "season" in the grand manner . . . Ambrose, an amateur saxophonist, will be among Fred Allen's features Wednesday night.

Billy Halop, radio's Bobby Ben-

Maestro Album—



No. 48—Louis Gress, whose music is a feature of Eddie Cantor's weekly broadcast over CBS-WNAC Sunday evenings at 8.

son, being looked over by talkie moguls . . . Nelson Eddy, whom you will hear via WEEI at 8:30 this p. m., guest-sings with Grace Moore the 30th . . . Tom Howard, of Howard and Shelton, getting lonesome for Florida . . . He'll probably pack his bag most any day now.

You've probably heard tales like this before, but this one is strictly the McCoy . . . Walter O'Keefe had a date to speak at Columbia's

Paul Whiteman Goes

Upon New Date

Teachers' College the other day . . . It was arranged that he should meet a blonde young lady, sporting a red hat and brown coat, at Amsterdam ave. and 116th st. . . . Walter arrived okay and waited, waited and waited.

Finally he started approaching gals similarly attired and saying "I'm Walter O'Keefe" . . . But none of them happened to be the daisy that Walter was supposed to meet . . . Folks nearby began to eye Walter with suspicion . . . But after a while the gal did show up—only she was wearing a green coat . . . She explained that she had changed her coat and forgot to phone him about the change . . .

Walter didn't have much to say but he was in pretty tough humor for a comedian, and whether or not the teachers noticed it or not Walter didn't care . . .

Morry Sachs phoned to tell us that he is sure that this is going to be a great Christmas . . . Tonight Morry and his band plays for the Graves & Co. party at the Manger Hotel . . . If you know what product Graves is famous for, you might have a faint idea of what he means.

It's going to be hard getting used to the fact that Paul Whiteman's show ceases to be a Thursday evening feature after this week . . . Beginning Jan. 5 Paul's show becomes a Sunday P. M. offering, but it will take us several weeks to get accustomed to it . . .

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Assures Pay to 5000 Sidewalk Workmen

Following a conference today with Governor Curley, William F. Callahan, State commissioner of public works, announced that the 5000 men, recently engaged in sidewalks projects throughout the State, will receive their pay in time for Christmas. Some will be paid today and the remainder tomorrow.

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"Bob" Washburn Says:

Washburn's Weekly

HENRY PARKMAN, JR., is a State senator from the Third Suffolk District, made up of some wards in Boston and Cambridge. He is now in his fourth term. He is forty-one years old, plus, and has eight feet, two in his shoes, and six plus in his height. He was born in Boston. He studied at Noble & Greenough's, in the days before John Richardson became its directing business head. He was graduated from St. Mark's School, before his brother Francis Parkman, became its headmaster. Henry is an early bird. He took an A.B. and an M.C.L. at Harvard in 1915 and an A.M. in 1916. He studied two years at the Harvard Law School.

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In the Great War he was captain of infantry overseas, a real soldier. He was four years in the Boston City Council, which called for more courage than when he met the Hun. It is not unlikely that he may become a candidate, either for senator, governor or lieutenant-governor. "Vistas of statesmanship welcome him," I believe, as the Lodge-Harvard degree read, this from suspicious hands. Harvard was not long on Lodge.

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Those dopesters who hang over the political rail, and the ladies with their lorgnettes who fasten their fire upon political entries, cannot safely ignore this possible entry from the Parkman stables. Mr. Parkman is one of the two most forceful men in State politics. Like all of this sort, he has often been a target for the fire of the enemy, particularly from the mouth of the late Baron Billingsgate, nee Richard Grant, whose voice has now become silent in the service of the State. The late Charles W. Barron, whose news-sheet once mistook me for a doormat, said at one time: "Cheer up, Washburn, we are doing you a service. It is a sign you are getting great." So the fact that Baron Billingsgate, with his unfiltered diction, concentrated his fire more upon Mr. Parkman than upon anyone else, is a sure sign that Mr. Parkman, in the opinion of the Baron, at least, is foremost among fighting Republicans, for a hymn of hate.

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So watch Parkman. Few men have performed more signal service to their party. He was president of the Republican Club. He was a leader in the Essex County fight which elected Mr. McSweeney to the Senate. In 1928, he went out successfully, as a David against that putative political Goliath, the Puritan, Innes. He showed Charlie that he was more of a myth than a monarch. He licked him as a delegate for the National Convention, when the timid said there would not be enough left of Parkman to fill one basket. Mr. Innes was then the leader of a diverse army of saints and sinners, including in its number not only a church warden and a retired "little cabinet" officer, but also even those outcasts who smoke cigarettes. So watch

Parkman, in whom, as too seldom, high civic purpose, capacity and courage walk as handmaidens. He has a pep, a power and a punch that appeal. And in his amenities he has a courtesy and a consideration for others that I have seldom seen equalled, and which loom on the paths of politics, where barnyard fowl abound.

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True, that Mr. Parkman is in a way a factional figure. He has his feverish foes, as he has his fanatic friends, as can be said of all such men as he. No one is apathetic as to him. When his name is mentioned, some send him flowers and others crawl out onto the fire escape. All this can be said without reflection upon Mr. Parkman, for it was said of T. R., the Great, not the Emulator. Nevertheless, Henry rides down that disability in other ways. He is a successful platform performer. Should he go into a fight for any of the offices above set forth, he would kick up a blinding dust in the faces of many of the other competing candidates.

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And yet all such as he suffer. For in a political campaign most everybody is out to lick somebody and very few are out to elect anybody. The skill of the swatter, and the charm of this practice, is very much in evidence. It's more tempting to tear down than to build up, to throw an egg rather than to "set" one. The strongest candidate for public office, unfortunately, is not that man of whom something good can be said, but that individual of whom nothing is known. Then the swatter is silent. Blessed are the boobs, for it is they who cast the votes. Pleading Parkman.

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An open Christmas letter. The Frog Pond, Boston, December 23, 1935. Dear Jim. Us fellers on the benches have been talking about you and our old happy days together. We have seen little of you. We fear that you are getting "stuck up" and have forgotten the playmates of your humbler days. We have been trying to follow your political plunges, and are now overwhelmed with vertigo. Because of your sudden, sharp turns, some of us are now in the hands of an osteopath. Nevertheless we are under an obligation to you for much spiritual development.

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In 1883, Harvard, unhappily more of a political liability than an asset, for the first time, declined to recognize a governor, then Butler, with an honorary degree. In later years, Representative Lomasney tried to put through the Legislature a bill for a statue of Butler on the State House grounds. He wanted to try out the spiritual qualities of the Beaconese who passed on their way to business. The bill was turned down. Harvard should now publicly express its regret, and also the Legislature, for in many ways, Jim, Governor Butler gave the State an admirable administration, that is in contrast with yours, Jim. They must

have been very fussy in those days. North Easton papers copy.

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You promised us work and wages, Jim, but you are the only one that has a job. The best evidence that you are governor is that the price of eggs has doubled. Think, how some hollered for you. You seem to be living pretty well on a salary of \$10,000. Don't you think that you could come across with Christmas presents for us? You may not need some of the cast-off uniforms of your butlers. We could take off the brass buttons and find them quite useful. This would appeal to the human side of our natures and lead us, perhaps, to forget some of your breaks, as when you propose to set free that firebug who burned up my own All Saints' Episcopal Church in Worcester, at a loss of \$400,000. I sometimes wonder if you would have wanted to set him free if he had burned a church of your own faith. Brighton papers kindly copy.

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You not only have not found work for us, Jim, but you are also to deprive many citizens of their present livelihood. You propose to abolish all of the Council and half of the Legislature. You have just appointed Councillors Russell and Burdick. Now you propose to throw them out. One of us fellers was recently operated upon, his brain, and the surgeon forgot to put it back. We thought he might be able to get into the Council where he would not miss it and would be happy. A voter must read, to qualify, but all a Democratic Councillor needs to know is the word: Yes. We sometimes think that if you could be abolished it would be better than the abolishment of anybody else. Why not fall on your own sword, in the cause of decent government? These Councillors are now getting \$2000 a year for one day's work a week, with a luncheon thrown in. The legislators are paid the same, for six months' work a year. Where are all of these men going to be able to find anything to do if they lose their present jobs? Where can these Councillors and legislators find such a cinch as they now have?

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Us fellers feel, Jim, that you are overworked and that you need another trip. Why not go to Ethiopia? You deserve a rest. We agree with Dan that you have made the best governor that Massachusetts has seen, that is since the days of Joe Ely. We think that we could raise a fund which would take you even as far as Ethiopia and establish you there for life in regal style. The natives would add much "color" to your life. Think it over.

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I see that Mr. Roosevelt is now paying out money to divinity students. This is not a bad idea, and the best work that they could do would be to go into a retreat and pray for you. If you are planning to call on me, telephone, so that I may tell the dog. He wants a Xmas present, a pair of "pants." You ought to have a merry Xmas, Jim, for you are the only citizen who is happy under our State government. You will have a full stocking, if you "put your foot in it," as you have into everything else.

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Pyromaniac's Commutation Is Withdrawn

**Curley Heeds Worcester Plea
for Mental Examination of
Gardner — 3 More Pardons**

Christmas pardons for three additional prisoners including one lifer, were recommended by Governor Curley to the executive council this afternoon. At the same time the governor withdrew the recommendation for commutation of sentence for Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac, pending an examination by Dr. Winfred Overholster, State commissioner of mental diseases, to determine Gardner's mental condition.

The governor took this last action after public officials and other citizens of Worcester had expressed the opinion that Gardner should not be released until it had been definitely determined that he could control his impulse to set fires.

Gardner was among five prisoners, including two lifers, whose release was recommended by the governor a week ago.

The three additional prisoners recommended for executive clemency today were Morris Levine of Holyoke, sixty-seven-year-old lifer, sentenced October, 1928, for the murder of his wife; William G. Henry, Dorchester, sentenced June 5, 1934, to three to five years for larceny of \$17,000 from the Minot Co-operative Bank, and Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, sentenced in February, 1928, to fifteen to eighteen years for robbery.

The parole board reported Levine was suffering from a serious heart ailment and might not live if he remained in prison.

The prisoners recommended for pardons last week and to whose release no objection has been voiced, were Samuel Powers of Westfield, sentenced to life imprisonment Feb. 26, 1914, for murder of his wife; Wojciech Birusz of Salem, sentenced April 20, 1920, to life imprisonment for the murder of Mary B. LaVoie; William Hooper of Lynn, sentenced March 24, 1933, to six to seven years for

manslaughter, and Thomas J. Panetta of Cambridge, sentenced June 19, 1929, to twelve to twenty years for manslaughter.

District Attorney Owen A. Hoban of Worcester County urged the council to postpone action on commutation of Gardner's sentence until the prisoner had been placed under observation for at least thirty-five days.

The prosecutor suggested that a board of psychiatrists be appointed by Dr. Overholster to determine whether Gardner is sane enough to resist his impulse to burn buildings.

If such a board should decide that Gardner will not be likely to repeat such offenses as caused his conviction the district attorney said he would have no objection to the prisoner's release.

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- 7:00 WBZ—Gov. James M. Curley.
8:00 WNAC—Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians.
WEEI—Ted Hammerstein; Thomas L. Thomas; Lucy Laughlin; Lazy Dan; Frank Moulan.
WBZ—Fibber McGee and Molly.
8:30 WNAC—Pick and Pat.
WEEI—Nelson Eddy; Margaret Speaks; Chorus.
WBZ—Odette Myrtil; Pickens Sisters; Milton Watson.
9:00 WNAC—Jack Oakie in "Applesauce."
WEEI—The Gypsies, direction Harry Horlick; Romany Singers; Howard Price.
WBZ—Minstrel Show; Gus Van; Harry Kogen.
9:30 WEEI—Grace Moore; Igor Gorin; Josef Pasternack.
10:00 WNAC—Metropolitan Singers.
WEEI—Lullaby Lady; Male Quartet; Choir.
WAAB—Wayne King and his orchestra.
10:45 WAAB—Jouett Shouse, "Arousing Class Prejudices."

Edward T. Estey, formerly district attorney, speaking as a vestryman of All Saints Episcopal Church of Worcester, which suffered heavy loss through one of the fires started by Gardner, said the church people do not want to appear vindictive but that the members feel that if they were not represented at the hearing the inference would be drawn that they were not opposed to Gardner's release. He declared that it would be safer to let a robber or murderer out of prison than to release a pyromaniac. From his experience, he said, he felt there was little chance that a murderer would commit a murder again, but in the case of a pyromaniac the community was dealing with an uncontrollable impulse.

General Thomas F. Foley, chief of police of Worcester, and William P. Finneran, superintendent of detectives, told the council that the question to be decided was whether it would be safe for Gardner to be at large. General Foley said the people of Worcester want to be assured that Gardner will not set more fires.

The hearing was enlivened by verbal clashes between Councilors Daniel H. Coakley of Boston on one hand and Frank A. Brooks of Watertown and Winfield A. Schuster of Douglas on the other.

Schuster inquired if there was anyone present to advocate Gardner's release. Coakley replied that no one was asked to appear except the opponents. He said he believed the attitude of the speakers was sound and that he would have no hesitation in favoring commutation if he could be assured that Gardner would not get drunk and set fires again.

Schuster said he would like to know who sponsored the petition for Gardner's release. Coakley replied that it didn't matter who sponsored it and "let's not get into politics by going off on a tangent like that."

Lieutenant Governor Joseph L. Hurley, presiding, said he understood the plea for commutation was sponsored by no one except the State Board of Parole and prison officials.

Councilor Brooks asked the lieutenant governor whether the Parole Board had interviewed the prisoner or conducted a hearing on his case. "Go down there and ask them," Coakley interrupted before the lieutenant governor could answer. "Don't bother us with questions like that."

Brooks retorted that his question was addressed to the lieutenant governor and not to Coakley. The lieutenant governor then said he had no information as to whether the Parole Board had given Gardner an interview.

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CURLEY, HURLEY AT CHRISTENING

Named for the Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor of the commonwealth, the twin sons of Capt. and Mrs. William J. McCluskey of 94 Wendell park, Milton, had those dignitaries present at their christening yesterday.

But that was not the only honor that came the way of James Michael and Joseph Leo McCluskey. They were also the first twins to be baptized in the new Church of Our Lady of the Hills.

Born on the last city election day, the youngest sons of a man who has been active for years in Milton politics, theirs has been a political background from the start. The other children are Jane, William, Anne and John McCluskey.

Their father is the first Democrat to be elected to office in Milton. He is a member of the water commission, and also serves as a military instructor in the Dorchester schools.

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PARDON HEARING WITNESSES



Dist.-Atty. Owen A. Hoban (left) of Worcester county, and Chief of Police Thomas F. Foley of Worcester, at hearing today on Gov. Curley's recommendation for parole of a Worcester firebug.

PARDON MOVE IS WITHDRAWN

Governor Consents to a Mental Test for Firebug

Howard Haynes Murphy of Osterville was confirmed today by the Governor's council to be commissioner of agriculture.

The Governor did not submit any new nominations to the council today, saying, "I don't want to put anyone out of a job for Christmas."

The Murphy appointment was confirmed, 6 to 3, the Republican councillors voting against.

Gov. Curley withdrew today his recommendation for commutation of sentence of Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac, after Dist.-Atty. Owen A. Moran, Chief of Police Thomas F. Foley and others from Worcester had recommended

to the Governor's council, at a hearing, that this be done pending a psychiatric examination of the man.

TEST BY OVERHOLSER

The Governor asked Dr. Winfred Overholser, state commissioner of mental diseases, to have the examination made. After the examination the Governor will decide whether to resubmit the commutation recommendation.

The Governor submitted three additional commutation recommendations to the council today, selected, he said, from a list of 10 cases suggested by members of the council.

This action meant that seven cases were before the council at its special meeting this afternoon.

The council voted to approve all of these.

The new cases were recommended for commutation and release under parole conditions. They are:

Morris Levine of Holyoke, aged 67, who was sentenced Oct. 4, 1928, to serve a life term for the second degree murder of his wife, who was killed with a knife in a quarrel. Levine is said to have a serious heart and kidney condition which makes it likely he will not live much longer.

If released he would live with relatives in Vermont.

Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, sentenced in 1928 to serve 15 to 18 years for robbery. He was convicted of having stolen a man's pay envelope with \$30, and a watch, and having knocked out the man's false teeth. There was no shooting in the robbery and the board of pardons unanimously recommends his commutation.

William G. Henry of Boston, sentenced June 5, 1934, for having stolen \$17,000 from the Minot Co-operative Bank in Dorchester. His term was three to five years. Dist.-Atty. Foley and Matthew Cummings, president of the bank, informed the Governor they have no objection to the man's release.

OTHER CASES

The four other cases before the council today, having been recommended by the Governor last Wednesday, were:

Samuel Powers of Westfield, serving a life term since Feb. 20, 1914, for the murder of his wife. The council was asked to commute to 20 years.

Wojciech Birusz of Salem, who was sentenced April 20, 1920, to serve a life sentence for the murder of Mary B. Lavole. Recommendation was for commutation to 10 years with deportation to Poland, his birthplace.

William Hooper of Lynn, sentenced March 14, 1933, to serve six to seven years for manslaughter. Recommendation was for commutation to 3 to 7 years.

Thomas J. Panetta of Cambridge, sentenced June 19, 1929, to serve 12 to 20 years for manslaughter. He was convicted of shooting Dominic Somerelli. Recommendation was for commutation to 7 to 20 years.

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BAGMEN RAISE PRICE AS GRAND JURY SITS

Evidence of Alleged Corruption and Graft in Boston School Department Is Presented by Teachers, Phone Girl

While charges of corruption and graft in the Boston school department were being placed before the Suffolk county grand jury today, a report reached the district attorney's office that the two alleged bagmen in the case had increased their "sale" price on teachers' jobs from \$150 to \$300.

Apparently unworried by the investigation of their activities, the bagmen have continued to approach substitute teachers but are now demanding twice as much graft to obtain appointments, according to information turned over to Dist.-Atty. William J. Foley by detectives.

A SURPRISE WITNESS

Appearance of a surprise witness featured the special session of the grand jury which convened today as a climax to Dist.-Atty. Foley's drive to smash the extortion ring which has been preying on school teachers and business men.

The witness was Albert McCarthy, salesman for a Roxbury stationery concern, who was reported to have been told by one of the two bagmen that he could secure school department contracts for a price. McCarthy refused to do any business with him.

PHONE GIRL TESTIFIES

Miss Catherine O'Neil of 102 Harvey street, Cambridge, a telephone operator, was the first witness called before the grand jury, which is expected to return indictments against two men who offered substitute teachers permanent appointments on payment of \$150.

She is a cousin of Miss Mary E. Brennan of Charlestown, substitute teacher first approached by the bagmen.

Miss O'Neil remained in the jury room for 10 minutes and was im-

mediately followed by Miss Brennan, who, it is understood, was the one who exposed the attempts of the bagmen to collect from the substitute teachers. Miss Brennan was questioned by Dist.-Atty. Foley for 32 minutes, emerging from the jury room at 11:07 A. M.

The third witness was Miss Genevieve Mackey, a substitute teacher in the Cudworth school, East Boston, and sister of Dr. Charles E. Mackey, chairman of the school committee. Dr. Mackey said in a public statement that his sister informed him that a meeting of substitute teachers had been called at the suggestion of the bagmen and that she was told she could get a permanent appointment for \$150.

Among the next few witnesses, all of whom were questioned briefly, were George E. Robinson, Boston architect, and Miss Agnes Dolan, telephone operator at school committee headquarters.

Robinson, who designed the Jeremiah E. Burke school and has submitted plans for additions to the school, is understood to have told Dist.-Atty. Foley that one of the bagmen informed him that he could get the plans accepted and later introduced him to a school committee man.

Miss Dolan complained to school authorities some time ago that the bagmen used the committee rooms and telephones. After her complaint they were ousted.

Substitute teachers who testified included Miss Mary Keenan of 10 Tremont street, Charlestown; Miss Mary McTiernan of 43 Green street, Charlestown; Miss Lucy Moisan of 11 Monument square, Charlestown; Miss Elizabeth Corrigan of 68 Orchard drive, Forest Hills; Miss Catherine Manning of 11 Samoset street, Dorchester and Miss Madelyn Trainor of 814 Sixth street, South Boston.

A recess was taken at noon-time and the first witness called at the afternoon session was Miss Mary L. Moran of 91 Pearl street, Charlestown, another substitute teacher.

MAY INVOLVE MILLIONS

More than 20 witnesses—including all members of the school committee and high public officials—were on hand to testify in the first phase of the job-sale scandal, which may eventually involve millions of dollars and many prominent citizens.

The jurors were formally charged at 10 o'clock this morning by Judge John M. Gibbs of the superior court, half an hour after they were scheduled to convene.

The jurors assembled in their rooms on the second floor of the Pemberton square court house, and at 10 A. M. were led across the corridor to the third session, in custody of a court officer.

There they were charged by Judge Gibbs to consider such matters as the district attorney should present to them. He made no reference to any particular matter.

SPECIAL SESSION STRESSED

"Good morning, gentlemen," Judge Gibbs said, as the jurors took their places.

"Good morning, your honor," they replied.

"We meet sooner than we expected, gentlemen," the judge remarked, referring to the fact that they had been called into special session to consider the school case.

Then he delivered the charge and the jurors filed back to their rooms to hear the witnesses.

Dr. Joseph V. Lyons of South Boston, member of the school committee, was the first witness to arrive. He went immediately to Dist.-Atty. Foley's inner office.

Next was Committeeman Frederick R. Sullivan of Charlestown, who was followed by Dr. Patrick T. Campbell, superintendent of schools. Dr. Campbell walked directly to the witnesses' waiting room.

Dr. Mackey appeared soon after 10 o'clock. He was accompanied by his sister, Genevieve.

They were followed closely by the other witnesses. Committeeman Maurice Tobin of Brighton was the last to arrive.

A large crowd had gathered at the courthouse, believing that the grand jury session would be open to the public. None except those with official business was allowed near the jury rooms.

ON LISTENING POST

In the crowd of spectators were two young stenographers with pencils and notebooks. One man, known as a "listening post" for a prominent public official, was among the early arrivals.

Four new witnesses were expected at the district attorney's office today. Plans were made to place them under subpoena immediately so they could testify before the grand jury.

Reports were widespread today that the two bagmen named before the grand jury today will refuse to take the rap for alleged higher-ups and are ready to tell everything they know about the job-sale scandal in return for leniency.

Close observers of the graft investigation predicted revelations during the next few days which will rock the entire city.

The name of a well known judge has already been brought into the probe by witnesses who told Dist.-Atty. Foley that he had offered a promotion for Joseph F. Wagner, assistant director of music in the

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DESCRIBES BAGMEN'S APPROACHES



Substitute Boston school teachers who were called before the grand jury today to tell of bagmen's activities in connection with attempts to "freeze" the substitutes' list. At left are Mary Keenan, Lucy Moisan, Marie Bulman and Mary Louise Moran, in that order, and at right is Mary Brennan, the first to be approached by the bagmen.

public schools, on payment of \$2000 graft.

Meanwhile Representative George Demeter, unsuccessful candidate for the school committee in the last election, announced that he would file a bill asking that the four present members of the committee be discharged and a new election be called if "they are found to be a party to any irregularity." The bill would not include J. Henry Smith, who takes office Jan. 1.

"I made an issue in my campaign of the need of reform within the schools because they were being demoralized because of alleged irregularities," Demeter said. "The people of Boston would demand a special election, if the present committee should be found to be a party to any irregularity."

The prosecutor said this morning that further developments could be expected after presentation of evidence against the first two bagmen today.

It is known that Foley's office is already probing charges that certain men attempted to chisel in on the award of contracts in various school departments, particularly the department of buildings.

FORCED TO CONTRIBUTE

It is also known that investigators are checking reports that a \$25,000 fund was raised to defray campaign expenses of two school committee candidates in the November election and that teachers were forced to contribute to the fund.

Latest charges of corruption in the city's schools were made by Patrick Fleming of 57 Brighton avenue Brighton, employed by the internal revenue department of the United States treasury.

His charges involve four high public officials, one of whom, he says, promised him appointment as supervisor of attendance in the schools for \$3000. On advice of the then Mayor Curley, he said, he refused to pay the money, and was subsequently appointed. However, according to Fleming, he was again asked for the \$3000, again refused, and was later dismissed from his position.

JUDGE RESENTS GRAFT RUMOR

**Declares Report That He
Offered School Job
Is Ridiculous**

The judge mentioned in the school scandal case as the man who suggested Joseph F. Wagner, assistant director of music in the public schools, that the directorship could be obtained by payment of money, was astonished when informed of the report today.

Talking with complete freedom and candor when interviewed by a Traveler reporter this afternoon, he said:

"The story is so utterly ridiculous that to deny it should be entirely unnecessary. However, if you insist you would like the facts, you can have them.

"I have known Dr. Charles E. Mackey for many years. In fact, years ago he was frequently a guest at our home. But he hasn't been near us for two years.

"Last February I went to a meeting of the Boston Women's Democratic Club at the Hotel Verdiome. Apparently this is the secret meeting at a hotel room we hear so much about. There was no secret meeting, no hotel room unless it was the big roof garden concert room of the hotel. Even there I did not meet Mr. Wagner. That came later. In fact, I didn't know Mr. Wagner.

"But at that meeting, where Wagner played violin, Wagner asked to meet me, and later did. I had accompanied Sheila O'Donovan Rossa to the meeting. She sang there. From the meeting we went in my car to the studio of Mme. Johnson, in Trinity court, where there was a large gathering at a concert. In my car were Miss Rossa, a Mr. Durask, a singer; Mrs. Shari deLys, a well-known teacher of voice, and myself.

"At Mme. Johnson's, Miss Rossa brought Mr. Wagner tot me and he told me he was interested in getting the job as director of music in the Boston schools and asked if I knew

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Friend of Dr. Lyons



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FACE JOB SALE QUIZ

Dr. Mackey. I said, "Yes, I do," and he asked me to speak in his (Wagners') behalf to Dr. Mackey. To please Miss Rossa, I said, "Sure, I will." It happened that I did not see

Dr. Mackey since. In fact, I have not seen him either by writing, telephone, in person or any other way for two years.

"After leaving Mme. Johnson's a Miss Rosso, a newspaper woman, Mrs. deLys, Mr. Durack and myself drove to a restaurant on Huntington avenue near Trinity court, where we left the newspaper woman, Mrs. deLys and Mr. Durack. I then drove Miss Rosso home, as I had brought her in, she having no car.

"I think it was the following Sunday that I had some friends sailing for Europe. I wanted Miss Rosso to meet them. So I took Miss Rosso. At Miss Rosso's home I met Mr. Wagner, who arrived at the door the same time I did, so we went in Wagner's car to church. After church we came back to her door in Wagner's car. At Miss Rosso's front door we bade good-by to Wagner. We got into my car and Wagner got into his car. He drove away and we drove to the pier—Miss Rosso and I. Nothing was said that morning about the job or any job. Those are the only two times I ever saw Wagner and I have never seen him since (that was last February), although I have a hazy recollection of his calling me on the telephone shortly thereafter and asking me if I had seen that fellow (meaning Dr. Mackey) and I said, 'No, I haven't.' He said, 'Good-by, and hung up. He did not do it with rahcor. It was just that he had asked me if I had seen that fellow and I said, 'No, I haven't.' That was all.

"So there's the story and I can give you plenty of confirmation if you want it."

"Let us do that," suggested the Traveler reporter.

The judge then said:

"Well, you can get in touch with Mrs. DeLys."

The Traveler did, and Mrs. DeLys, whose studio is at 661 Boylston street,



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after first being assured she was talking to a responsible reporter, said:

"I'd be delighted to tell everything I know about this meeting of Judge — and Mr. Wagner. I am so glad I was there and can nail any lies that are told.

"Last winter I was at a meeting of the Women's Democratic Club at the Vendome. For years I have had charge of the music at these meetings. Sheila O'Donovan Rossa had been telling me she had a man to play (violin) for us. It was Mr. Wagner. He gave a very good program.

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"At the Vendome meeting I learned that Mr. Wagner wished to meet Judge — because he had been told that the judge knew a lot of people of importance. But the meeting of the two did not take place at the Vendome.

"From the Vendome four of us went to the studio of Mme. Johnson, where there were about 25 or 30

people, in Trinity court. At Mme. Johnson's Sheila was with Mr. Wagner. I was sitting with Judge —. Sheila brought Mr. Wagner over and introduced the two men. Mr. Wagner started right in talking about the job and asked:

"Is there a man by the name of MacKay or Mackey and do you (the judge) know him?"

"Yes, I know him," answered the judge, and, I thought, coldly. In fact

I felt that if I had asked for any favor and it had been greeted as coldly as Judge — greeted Mr. Wagner's suggestion, I would have been discouraged. The judge is invariably courteous. But in this instance he was quite indifferent.

"Will you speak to him" (to Dr. Mackey)? asked Mr. Wagner.

"Oh, year," answered the judge, quite casually.

"Mr. Wagner seemed to me to be very aggressive. I had heard him ask Sheila for the introduction to the judge. Sheila, you know, is very well known in politics in addition to her note as an artist."

"In fact, I heard Wagner ask Sheila three times to introduce Mr. Wagner to the judge.

"I was so surprised by the judge's casualness. He is usually kind and charming, and I wondered why he was so cool.

"It is really a crime to start any such story about the judge. I am so glad I happened to be with him that afternoon. In fact, we left with the judge, five of us, not including Mr. Wagner.

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Gardner Pardon Delay Is Sought at Hearing

Dist.-Atty. Hoban, Chief Foley of Worcester and Church Folk Urge Study of Firebug to Determine If He Can Control Impulses

A definite determination should be made that Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac who went to prison for having set fire to two large churches, is able to control his impulses. Otherwise Gardner should not be released from prison under commutation of sentence as recommended by the parole board and Gov. Curley.

LT.-GOV. PRESIDES

This was the summary of the plea presented to the pardon committee of the Governor's council at a hear-

ing in the State House today. Those who appeared at the hearing, presided over by Lt.-Gov. Joseph L. Hurley, were Owen A. Hoban, Worcester district attorney; Thomas F. Foley, chief of police of the city, churchmen and others.

No one appeared to support the Governor's recommendation, but Councillor Daniel H. Coakley took the position that such appearance was not necessary, in view of the recommendations of the parole board and the Governor and the fact that

the hearing was for the benefit of those opposed to the petition.

Gardner is serving a term of 10 to 12 years and the recommendation is for commutation to a term of four to 12 years, making the man eligible for a Christmas pardon.

FAVOR PSYCHIATRIC TEST

It was the argument of those appearing at the hearing that a psychiatric or other examination should be made to determine that Gardner will keep away from liquor, which aroused his emotions to set fires, and that in other ways he is no longer a menace to property and likely to recreate the reign of terror

which existed in Worcester when All Saints' Episcopal and the Pleasant Street Baptist Church were fired in 1932.

Verbal clashes between Coakley and two of the Republican members of the council—Brooks and Schuster—marked the progress of the hearing today as Schuster wanted to know who had sponsored the petition for commutation and Brooks inquired as to whether the parole board had held a hearing on the matter. Coakley took the position these questions were beside the point and of a political nature, although he said he was troubled to know the answer to the question which Hoban and others presented.

Hoban recommended a 35-day period of mental observation by a board of psychiatrists. He said: "This observation should be given so that the board could give a fair picture of Gardner; so they could tell you whether he could now resist the temptation to set fires. If the board should say that he could, that he is now all right, I would not oppose clemency."

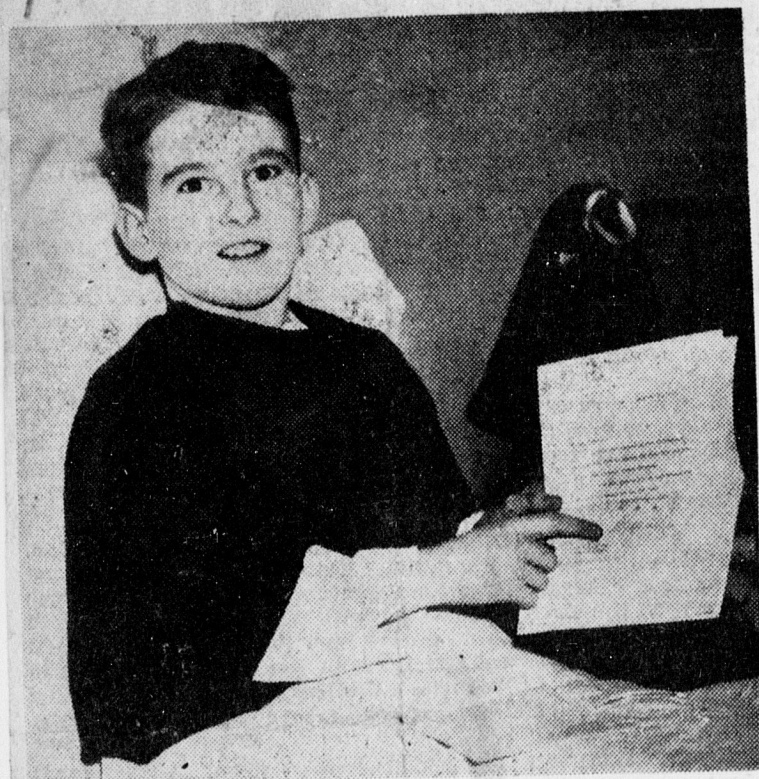
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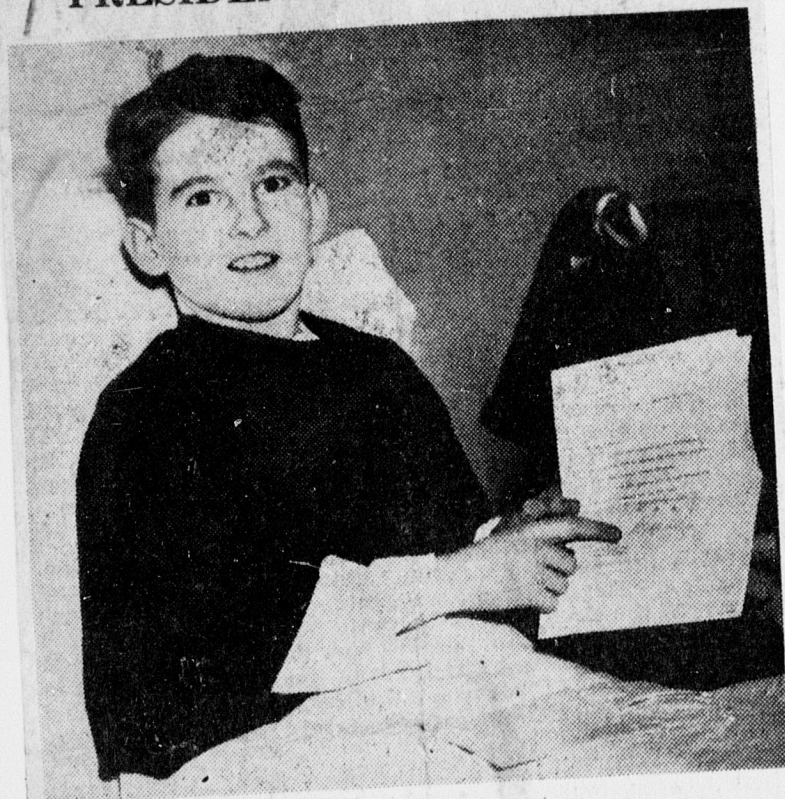
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Accident Board Secretary Against Leave for Conroy

A dissenting vote has been registered by Chester E. Gleason, secretary of the Massachusetts Industrial Accident Board, on the request of Senator William S. Conroy for a leave of absence from that group to serve in the Massachusetts Senate.

Mr. Gleason, the only member of the Board, to refuse to approve the

Senator's action, was ill last week when the vote was taken.

Upon his return to the State House, he issued the following statement:

"This is an administrative board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor. In my opinion, the board has no legal right to grant a leave of absence to any of its members. If anyone has the power to grant a leave of absence in this case it would, in my opinion, be the Governor of the Commonwealth, and not the members of the Industrial Accident Board."

Senator Conroy's request is before Attorney General Dever for a ruling.

The statutes require that a member of the board devote full time to his duties and while agreeable to granting the local man leave, Chairman Joseph A. Parks and his colleagues felt the Attorney General's opinion on their action should be obtained.

SACRAMENTO, CAL. UNION

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BUST SALE AIDS RED CROSS—This bronze bust of President Roosevelt has been purchased in Boston by Governor James Curley of Massachusetts, the money going to a fund for the benefit of the Italian Red Cross. Miss Louise Carangelo, of the Italian Legion auxiliary, and Miss Perabo-Smith, who served with the Italian Red Cross during World war days, are shown admiring the bust.

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Traced to Ever-
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BOSTON, Dec. 24,
(AP) — Two long-term
convicts who killed a
State Prison guard as they
shot their way to freedom
in downtown Boston yes-
terday face charges of
murder if they are recap-
tured.

The escaped prisoners, who shot
Guard Walter Doucette, 45, father
of six children, were Edward Guar-
nelli, 26, and Antonio Repucci, 25,
who were being returned from Ded-
ham Superior court to the prison.

Warrants charging them with
murder were issued today and Gov-
ernor Curley posted a \$1,000 reward
for their capture.

The guard's gun was recovered to-
day under burlap bags in a vacant
shed at Everett, where Police In-
spector Edward J. Dunn of Everett
said Abe Itzkowitz, 31, a PWA
worker, had hidden it.

Inspector Dunn said Itzkowitz
told him the gun was given him to
hide by Silvio E. Pace, 38, a safe
proprietor.

Pace told Inspector Dunn Guar-
nelli came into the place last night
and flourished the gun, saying he
was "going to shoot it out with any
cop in his way."

Pace, who said he knew Guar-
nelli, said he persuaded him to turn
over the gun.

Pace told Inspector Dunn he
locked up the gun for the night,
but told Itzkowitz about it early to-
day and both agreed to hide it.

Search for the pair was pressed
today among the packed tenements
that line the narrow streets and al-
leys of Boston's North End.

Guaranelli and Repucci were being
returned to State prison from Ded-
ham Superior court late yesterday
when they attacked their guard,
Walter Doucette, 45, father of six
children.

They were being driven from the
South Railroad terminal to the
prison, in the Charlestown district,
in a taxicab when the attack took
place. The prisoners were hand-
cuffed together.

Lifting their manacled hands,
they stunned Mr. Doucette, then
grabbed his handcuff keys and
freed themselves. One of the con-
victs seized Doucette's gun and
fired several shots, as the guard
fought furiously.

A bullet struck Mr. Doucette in
the abdomen, one went through the
windshield of the cab, another
pierced a door. The convicts threw
Mr. Doucette to the street, forced
the driver from the cab, and drove
away.

The machine was found aban-
doned later in the North End.

As Mr. Doucette died at City
hospital early today, a squad of
100 Boston police searched the
North End for the convicts.

District Attorney William J. Foley
said the convicts would be charged
with murder when they were recap-
tured. Police quoted Doucette as
saying at the hospital, "Repucci
shot me. I am sure of this because
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A special session of the Suffolk
County Grand Jury, called to inves-
tigate an alleged job-selling racket
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gether and took them by train to
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terminal he hired a taxi for the
cross-city ride to the prison.

The taxi made slow time as it
wound through the heavy 6 o'clock
traffic. On Commercial street, in
the North End, the sudden attack
took place.

The convicts had taken off their
prison clothing and were dressed in
street clothing for the trip to and
from the courthouse. The fact that
they were known to be desperate
characters and were guarded by
but one man was explained today
by Arthur T. Lyman, State Com-
missioner of Correction, who said:

"The only thing I can say is that
it has always been the custom to
send but one guard along with
either one or two convicts."

Later today Mr. Lyman asserted
the 32-year-old custom of sending
one guard with two prisoners would
be abandoned.

"Never again will only one guard
be sent out with two prisoners,"
Lyman declared before conferring
with Warden Francis J. W. Lanagan
about methods of transporting
prisoners to and from courts.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1935.

THE DOLAN CASE

The suit brought by the city of Boston at the instance of Mayor Mansfield against the former treasurer of that city, Mr. Dolan, attracts great interest throughout the state. The action is brought to recover large sums of money alleged to have been made by selling securities to the city at high prices for the benefit of various funds. Of course there is much more to this suit than a personal interest. The action is distinctly political. It may involve high personages. Everything may be all above board, with Mr. Dolan's proceedings, but such Herculean efforts have been made to avert an inquiry about them that suspicion is high all over the state that all was not right with the Dolan company.

The real enquiry, however, will go higher than the alleged diversion of public funds. It will expose the whole political philosophy of finance in the Boston of five years ago when James M. Curley was mayor. If a thorough investigation of Mr. Dolan's company is made the whole financial set-up of Boston at that time will be exposed, and of course the fact that the mayor of the Hub at that time is now the Governor of Commonwealth makes the investigation interesting to the whole state. The results of this trial will have great influence on the fortunes of many politicians.

The interest of the public has been whetted by the desperate efforts to forestall any such investigation. The finance commission was hard at work on this investigation when Governor Curley came into office. The Governor immediately started to change the whole complexion of the council, apparently to stop the enquiry. By brutal methods which shocked the state he made a Republican council over into a Democratic one. In other words he set at naught the will of the people whom he professes to serve. Among the annals of Massachusetts politics the Governor's attack on the Republican Council always hold a high place. It was the most atrocious disregard of the popular will ever witnessed in this state, and indicated an astonishing degradation of political morality. The people of the state might have looked on this affair as merely another political investigation if so many desperate efforts had not been made to prevent it.

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REMOVAL DEM. OF GOODWIN



FRANK A. GOODWIN

OUST GOODWIN, CURLEY URGED BY GROUP HERE

Interference in Haverhill Labor Situation Called Unamerican

The removal of Frank A. Goodwin as registrar of motor vehicles and from all public offices was demanded of Gov. James M. Curley today in a telegram sent to the Governor's office by a committee of Haverhill citizens and shoe workers who resent his intervention into local industrial affairs and the misuse of a high public office.

The telegram, signed by Blanche R. Smith, Hugh J. Kelleher and Clarence P. Tracy, members of a committee of workers, demands speedy action from the Governor, dismissing him from the public service and reprimanding him for his unamerican and anti-labor activities.

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SEVEN GIVEN PARDONS BY GOV. CURLEY

Three Lifers on List—Freedom Withheld From Firebug From Worcester

BOSTON (P)—Freedom outside of prison bars was promised to begin today for seven state prison inmates—three of them "lifers."

A recommendation for parole of an eighth was withdrawn pending a mental examination. The prisoner was Henry A. Gardner of Worcester, pyromaniac, serving 10 to 12 years for setting fire to Worcester buildings. Worcester residents and officials urged an examination before he was released.

The executive council confirmed recommendations made by Governor James M. Curley that the seven prisoners be paroled at this holiday season.

Granting executive clemency is a prerogative exercised at this time by Massachusetts governors.

The three "lifers" are:

Morris Levine, 67, of Holyoke, sentenced in 1928 for the murder of his wife.

Samuel Powers, of Westfield, sentenced in 1914 for the murder of his wife.

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Others who were pardoned are:

William G. Henry, Dorchester, sentenced to 3 to 5 years, June 5, 1934, for larceny of \$17,000 from the Minot Cooperative bank.

Joseph Zinkowitch, Worcester, sentenced in 1928, to 15 to 18 years for stealing \$30, in the pay envelope of another man.

William Hooper, Lynn, sentenced in 1933 to six to seven years for manslaughter.

Thomas J. Panetta, Cambridge, sentenced in 1929 to 12 to 20 years for manslaughter in shooting Dominic Somerelli.

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ADD ONE—ROMANCE

The prosecutor said the actresses gave him the information while waiting to be called before the grand jury which began its investigation today.

At that hearing witnesses testified Miss Todd was seen hours after she supposedly died and that the automobile in which she was found would generate enough monoxide gas to cause death in two minutes.

Saw Former Husband

The actresses told Fitts Di Cicco kept a luncheon "date" the Thursday before Miss Todd died. But he did not join her party, as scheduled the Saturday night before his former wife's death.

"He asked me why I didn't invite him," Fitts said Miss Lupino related, "and I replied the party was in Thelma's honor and that I thought they might be embarrassed."

Di Cicco's answer, as the actress recalled, was that he would like to attend. She said she arranged to have him seated next to Miss Todd, but that the chair was vacant all night. Later, she saw him at the same cafe with Margaret Lindsay.

More than 30 witnesses testified today and the stories of two were learned after the closed session.

These were:—

W. F. Persson cigar store proprietor, who said he was positive the actress entered his store and asked him to dial a telephone number for her at 9 a. m., Sunday Dec. 15—hours after police and coroner's officials believed she died in her garage.

Police Inspector Tom Cavett who said Miss Todd's automobile apparently was not moved from the garage after it was put away Saturday night, Dec. 14, and that it would generate enough monoxide gas in the garage to cause quick death.

The grand jury inquiry began after foreman George Rochester claimed he had evidence indicating the actress might have been a "monoxide murder" victim.

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SLAYER CONVICTS SOUGHT BY POLICE

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (P)—Two long-term convicts who killed a state prison guard as they shot their way to freedom in downtown Boston yesterday face charges of murder if they are recaptured.

The escaped prisoners, who shot Guard Walter Doucette, 45, father of six children, were Edward Guarnelli, 26, and Antonio Repucci, 25, who were being returned from Dedham Superior court to the prison.

Warrants charging them with murder were issued today and Governor James M. Curley posted a \$1,000 reward for their recapture.

Revision of the prison system of transporting convicts to face addition charges was ordered by Corrections Commissioner Arthur T. Lyman as a result of Doucette's slaying.

Search for the two men centered in Boston's North End, honeycombed by narrow alleys and streets and crowded tenements.

All available local and state police sought the two convicts after the guard's gun, with which they shot him, was found in Everett.

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GUARD KILLED BY CONVICTS

Overpower Prison Officer,
Taking Keys and
Gun Away.

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—
Shot by one of two convicts
who shot their way to freedom
from a taxi cab last night in
which he was taking them back
to State prison, Walter Dou-
cette, 45, prison guard, died
early today.

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Two des-
perate convicts overpowered and
shot a prison guard last night,
tossed him into the street, and after
ejecting the driver, fled in a taxi
in which they were being taken
back to prison.

The guard, Walter Doucette, 45,
father of six children, was expected
to die at City Hospital, with a bul-
let through his abdomen.

The convicts, Edward Guarnelli,
26, and Antonio Repucci, 25, serv-
ing long terms for burglary after
careers of crime that started in
boyhood, lost themselves, temporar-
ily, at least, in Boston's congested
North End Italian colony.

They were being brought back to
prison after having appeared in
Dedham Superior Court to receive
additional sentences for burglary.
The guard and the two convicts
were handcuffed together.

Piecing together the meager in-
formation available, police said the
two men, while riding from the
South Station to the prison, along
the city's waterfront on Atlantic
avenue, suddenly swung their man-
acled fists on the guard, stunning
him.

Quickly they extracted the hand-
cuff key from his pocket and freed
their hands. As he was recovering,
one of them seized his pistol.

Doucette, at this point, began a
furious fight and one of the con-
victs fired, the bullet ripping into
his stomach. Several other shots
were fired, apparently, at the same
time. One went through the wind-
shield, another piercing a door.

The taxi driver, Frank Riordan,
was dragged from his seat.

Leaping into the machine, the
men fled, leaving the taxi driver
trying to stop the flow of blood in
the guard's wound. A mile away,
in Hanover street, police found the

cab shortly afterward.

Every available policeman was
rushed into the intensive man-
hunt, mingling, in the course of the
search, with the thousands of
Christmas shoppers in the nearby
market district.

Two prison hats were found in
the abandoned cab.

Both convicts were serving 10 to
12-year terms for burglary when
taken to Dedham yesterday for ar-
raignment on additional charges.
Both had long records.

At City Hospital, a doctor said
of Doucette: "He most certainly is
on the danger list. His condition is
very serious, with the chances not
good."

Plans were made for an emer-
gency operation.

The shooting of Doucette recalled
a series of disorders among State
Prison convicts in recent months,
the most recent being on Dec. 3
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lowed two of them and a civilian
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CHRISTMAS PARDONS FOR SEVEN IN MASS.

Gov. Curley Withdraws
Eight Pending Exam-
ination by Alienists

Three Convicted Murderers
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CURLEY FLAYS SETTLEMENT OF CLOSED BANK'S CLAIM

DEPLORES CLOSING OF AC-
COUNT IN EXCESS OF \$3,-
000,000 FOR \$900,000

Boston, Dec. 23—(AP)—Settlement of a \$3,000,000 claim against the closed Federal National Bank for less than \$900,000 was frowned upon today by Governor Curley.

Writing to J. F. T. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency, Curley said:

"It is a source of regret to be informed that apparently there is no possibility of a settlement except upon the terms that you deem proper. In justice to the 30,000 depositors in the Federal National Bank and the 50,000 depositors of closed State banks, it is unfortunate that you find it necessary to pursue the course which you have seen fit to adopt in this particular case.

"The settlement of a claim in excess of \$3,000,000 for less than \$900,000 is in my opinion and in the opinion of the bank commissioner unworthy of consideration. It is to be regretted that you find it impossible to adopt a more favorable attitude in the matter of settlement rather than to continue the present policy under which the assets of the depositors are being dissipated in fees to attorneys and others engaged in liquidation work."

The Governor urged early presentation of the Government's case and immediate settlement upon the decision of the court.

The Federal National Bank and its affiliates with deposits of \$60,000,000 closed before the bank holiday in 1932.

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at her home here.

CURLEY PROVIDES 3,000 MASS. FAMILIES DINNERS

DOOR TO DOOR DELIVERY OF
BASKETS TO NEEDY BE-
GAN MONDAY NIGHT

Boston, Dec. 23—(AP)—Three thousand Massachusetts families will leave the dinner table this Christmas satisfied with Governor James M. Curley's efforts to make the day a happy one.

Several weeks ago the Governor launched a drive to provide Christmas dinner baskets for needy families. Door to door delivery of 3,000 full dinners began tonight.

With each basket went a greeting card reading:

"That Christmas Day be most happy is the sincere wish of James M. Curley, Governor of Massachusetts."

Each basket contained two fowl, a half peck of potatoes, three pounds of squash, two pounds of onions, one can of cranberry sauce, a half pound of butter, a half pound of tea, two pounds of sugar, a dozen oranges, a loaf of white bread and one of whole wheat bread, and two pounds of candy.

The governor himself purchased a number of the baskets while funds left in a basket, located in the governor's office, paid for the others.

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up social credit and try the Townsend plan instead.

Lowell gets into all wars which the nation wages, hotfooted and with the bells on, and Lowell men fight strenuously for God and country; but Lowell, as even Governor Curley must know by now, isn't a place where riots, insurrections, revolutions and private wars ever start. Ours is a good city, and super-patriotic, as Legion Commander Francis P. Corbett has informed His Excellency.

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Lowell, Mass.

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CURLEY OFFERS \$1000 REWARD FOR KILLERS

One of Guard's Slayers
Left Gun in Cafe in
Everett Today.

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (UP)—The hunt for two convicts who killed a jail guard with his own gun in Boston last night, shifted to Everett today following the disclosure that one of the fugitives visited a cafe in that city and discarded the death weapon there.

At the same time, Governor Curley was announcing the posting of a \$1000 state reward for apprehension of the escaped men.

Witnesses definitely placed the missing Edward Guarnelli, aged 25, in Everett, soon after the slaying.

Antonio Repucci, aged 25, also was reported seen in the neighborhood where the two killer-convicts lived.

While state and local police converged on Everett and environs seeking the escape slayers of 43-year-old Walter R. Doucette, police held a cafe proprietor and one of his customers for questioning as to why they had failed to report the sighting of Guarnelli, and why they secreted the service gun he left.

Silvio E. Pace, proprietor of the Lido cafe, said Guarnelli, whom he knew only by sight, entered his establishment at about 7.30 last night brandishing the weapon and saying he would "shoot it out" with any policeman he should encounter.

Pace said the intruder forced him at gunpoint to put in a telephone call for him, but that the desired connection was not made. Subsequently, said the proprietor, he induced Guarnelli to discard the gun in the cafe before leaving.

The proprietor went home, leaving the weapon in a back room. On opening the cafe today he became worried about the gun and talked it over with a customer. Abe Itzkowitz, PWA worker. As a result, Itzkowitz hid the gun in a vacant shed nearby, only to be confronted by Police Inspector Edward J. Dunn just as he had finished the job.

Dunn held Pace and Itzkowitz for questioning and they were turned over to Boston police.

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Seek Two Killers in Framingham

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (U.P.)—Search for two fugitive killer-convicts turned today toward Framingham 25 miles west of Boston, as result of a story related to police by a cafeteria counterman in that town.

John Campbell, the lunchroom worker, told state troopers that two early-morning customers resembled published pictures of Edward Guarnelli, aged 25, and Antonio Repucci, aged 25, both of Everett, who slew a state prison guard with his own revolver and escaped here last night.

The two customers, Campbell said, appeared at about 6 a. m., went to a booth instead of the counter, and asked to be served doughnuts and coffee. He served them, he said, and soon afterward they departed.

At that time, Campbell said, he had not heard of the slaying of Guard Walter R. Doucette, aged 43, father of six children, and of the manhunt that followed.

Campbell said the two men appeared weary and that their eyes were blood shot. One wore an overcoat while the other was clad in a dirty brown suit and sweater and was hatless. The latter, Campbell said, had curly hair.

State police broadcast an alarm by teletype and radio. They said the descriptions, in general, fitted those of the fugitives. Railroad stations and highways were ordered watched.

State Correction Commissioner Arthur T. Lyman announced he had ordered that henceforth two guards should be used for transportation of two prisoners.

Use of patrol wagon instead of taxi cabs for transportation of prisoners, also is being considered.

Doucette, Lyman said, believed the escape was not pre-arranged, but that the prisoners took advantage of a traffic tie-up during the evening rush hour.

Although guards have been instructed to use their own judgment regarding the method of returning inmates to prison, the commissioner believed the dead guard should not have been handcuffed to the convict. With two guards, he said, one could be handcuffed to the prisoners and the other would be free to use both hands.

Concluded

Greetings From the Governor



JAMES M. CURLEY
GOVERNOR

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

December 23, 1935

The Editor
Lowell Sun
Lowell, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

As Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts it is an exceeding pleasure to extend to the people of Lowell through your splendid and public-spirited newspaper my sincere wishes for a most Merry Christmas.

I sincerely hope and trust that some measure of joy may be brought to all of you this Christmas Day and that it will find you all enjoying good health, happiness and all of God's choicest blessings.

Sincerely,

Christmas Eve

This might have been that very night
Hundreds of years ago,
When three were sheltered in a stall
Lit by the candle-glow.

So still the air, so bright the stars,
So needy, hearts of men;
It must be Love walks up and down
These winding streets again.

It must be that at every hearth
The flame is lit once more
Where firelight like wine lies red
And rich upon the floor.

May no threshold be barred tonight,
And no heart closed to Him
Whose tenderness fills up the cup
Of good cheer to the brim.

Eleanor Alletta Chaffee

LEADER

Lowell, Mass.

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INFIRMARY OBSERVES CHRISTMAS

Program of Parties, a Pageant and Other Events Given.

An elaborate program of parties, motion pictures a pageant, and the singing of Christmas carols has marked the observance of the Christmas season at the State Infirmary in Tewksbury. This program was made possible through the co-operation of Dr. Lawrence K. Kelley, superintendent, with the members of the staff in the effort to make the season as pleasant as possible for the patients at the infirmary.

Since Dec. 17, the patients have enjoyed parties, motion pictures, a Christmas pageant and special ward programs. The singing of Christmas carols has been a major part of the program and will continue to be throughout the festive season. Gifts have been distributed at the various affairs and decorations have been arranged in keeping with the occasions.

Last evening a special dance was held in the auditorium, with a delicious luncheon served. This evening a Christmas party will be held at the children's hospital. Miss Sager, an instructor, will be in direct charge of the social. Miss Mildred Dunn will lead the singing of carols through the corridors and wards from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Christmas day has been set aside for festive occasion. Nurses of the infirmary staff will begin the festivities early tomorrow morning, when at 5.30 o'clock, continuing until 6.30, they will visit the wards bearing lighted candles, chanting Christmas carols. At 8 o'clock, a high mass will be celebrated by Rev. Richard Mahoney, O. M. I., chaplain. The nurses' choir will present a program of spiritual music. Miss Sally McBride will be the organist. Rev. Fr. Mahoney will deliver the Christmas sermon.

Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa will visit the wards at 9 o'clock, remaining at the children's hospital to distribute gifts from the elaborate tree that has been erected. A full course Christmas dinner will be served promptly at 12 noon. Music will be furnished by a popular orchestra. Tea will be served in the

afternoon to the elderly ladies at the women's house and the women's special wards. Throughout the day every patient will be the recipient of a gift, and a decorated tree will be erected in every ward, to be illuminated at dusk.

Members of the student body of nurses will have their annual Christmas tree and party in Nurses' hall 3, while members of the attendant nurses body will have their social in Nurses' hall 2.

Thursday, Dec. 26, movies will be presented in the afternoon and evening. Friday evening a dance will be held in the hall for the employees. The festive season will conclude with a dance Monday evening, Dec. 27, for the female patients, and Tuesday evening the annual New Year's eve dansant will be the concluding event on the Christmas program.

Messages of greeting and sincere wishes have been sent to the patients and staff of the infirmary by Governor James M. Curley, Dr. Lawrence K. Kelley, Hospital Trustees Mrs. Mary E. Cogan of Stoneham, Mrs. Theresa V. McDermott of Lowell, Charles A. Cronin of Lawrence, Frederick W. Enright of Lynn, William F. Maguire, D. M. D., of Randolph, Mrs. Margaret M. O'Riordan of Jamaica Plain, John J. McNamara, M. D., of Lowell. The clergy in charge at the hospital, Rev. Fr. Mahoney, Rev. Charles Coppens, O. M. I., assistant chaplain, and Rev. David Hunter, will make personal calls throughout the infirmary during the holiday.

ENTERPRISE
Marlboro, Mass.

DEC 24 1935

CURLEY PARDONS FOR SEVEN CONVICTS

Boston, Dec. 24—Seven prisoners, including three lifers, will receive Christmas pardons, Gov. Curley announced yesterday. Four of the men were recommended for pardon last week; yesterday three new names were added to the list.

ITEM

Lynn, Mass.

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PAROLE GRANTED YOUNG HOOPER

Gov. Curley Pardons Young Man Who Killed Lynner for Betrayal of Sister.

William A. Hooper of Lynn and Glastonbury, Conn., who avenged the betrayal of his sister, then a girl of school age, by beating William Lewey, father of five children, to death with a hammer in 1933, was pardoned on parole by Gov. Curley, Monday afternoon.

Hooper's affection for his sister was at the bottom of his attack with a hammer on Lewey after he had discussed with Lewey certain letters that Lewey wrote to the girl. Hooper met Lewey at Lynn beach by appointment early one evening in March, 1933. They walked along until they were over at the Nahant end of the beach. An argument became heated then the fatal attack came as the climax.

Hooper had no hesitation in explaining to the police the story of his special visit to Lynn from his place of employment in Connecticut. Hooper had obtained Lewey's love notes to the Hooper girl and flashed them on Lewey. Lewey was a full-blooded Indian.

Had Good Reputation.

At the time of the trial it was commonly conceded that Hooper was a law-abiding orderly young man who was never engaged in any affair that interested the police as a violation of law. His employers agreed that he was a worthwhile young man and the State authorities, including the parole board and Gov. Curley, granted him a pardon on parole conditions as a Christmas gift, because they believe, they declared, he will return to an orderly life.

Hooper had no comment to make other than to express his thanks to the officers at Charlestown State prison and to Gov. Curley, and to the parole board. He stepped right back into the picture that was printed of him in court when on trial, that of a quiet, unassuming, young man. His sentence was six to 10 years. It was commuted to three to five years so that the parole pardon could be granted, he having served two-thirds of the minimum of three years.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1935

THE DOLAN CASE.

The suit brought by the city of Boston at the instance of Mayor Frederick W. Mansfield against the former treasurer of that city, Edmund L. Dolan, attracts great interest throughout the state. The action is brought to recover large sums of money alleged to have been made by selling securities to the city at high prices for the benefit of various funds. Of course there is much more to this suit than a personal interest. The action is distinctly political. It may involve high personages. Everything may be all right and above board with Mr. Dolan's proceedings, but such Herculean efforts have been made to avert an inquiry about them that suspicion is high all over the state that all was not right with the Dolan company.

The real inquiry, however, will go higher than the alleged diversion of public funds. It will expose the whole political philosophy of finance in the Boston of five years ago when James M. Curley was mayor. If a thorough investigation of Mr. Dolan's company is made, the whole financial set-up of Boston at that time will be exposed, and of course the fact that the mayor of the Hub at that time is now the governor of the commonwealth makes the investigation interesting to the whole state. The results of this trial will have great influence on the fortunes of many politicians.

The interest of the public has been whetted by the desperate efforts to forestall any such investigation. The finance commission was hard at work on this investigation when Governor Curley came into office. The governor immediately started to change the whole complexion of the council, apparently to stop the inquiry. By brutal methods which shocked the state he made a Republican council over into a Democratic one. In other words he set at naught the will of the people whom he professes to serve. Among the annals of Massachusetts politics the governor's attack on the Republican council will always hold a high place. It was the most atrocious disregard of the popular will ever witnessed in this state, and indicated an astonishing degradation of political morality. The people of the state might have looked on this affair as merely another political investigation if so many desperate efforts had not been made to prevent it.

The fact that the investigation started by District Attorney Foley will dig deeply into the political vitals of the city of Boston under the reign of Mayor Curley is attested by the engagement of our former townsman, Robert G. Dodge, to assist the district attorney in the conduct of the case. Interesting revelations may take place.

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Northampton, Mass.

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LONG IN FAVOR
OF ABOLISHING
THE STATE TAX

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Commissioner Long argues that having a deficiency bill is a relic of ancient times in the Massachusetts Bay colony and declares his conviction that the legislature should take the responsibility for finding the money for the expenditures it has authorized.

"It is the most worthwhile suggestion I have heard for some time," Commissioner Long declared. "I am very much of the opinion that each unit of government should support itself. Then in time the state will either build up a surplus or incur a deficit and this is as it should be.

"It is ridiculous to say that we are balancing the state budget when we are not, when we are simply making up a shortage by assessing it upon the cities and towns."

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MURPHY TAKES
STATE POSITION

Osterville Man Sworn in
as Agriculture Head

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—Howard H. Murphy, of Osterville, has taken oath of office as Massachusetts commissioner of agriculture.

Three times his nomination by Governor Curley was tabled by the Executive Council but yesterday that body confirmed Murphy's appointment on a distinctively party vote. The six Democrats approved the choice of Murphy, the three Republicans opposed.

Murphy succeeded Edgar L. Gillett of Canton who was appointed commissioner by former Governor Ely.

Murphy's appointment came despite protests from farm groups and the State Grange.

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PROBE ORDERED
IN PROXY CASE

Mansfield's Hopes to Go
Free Raised by Action of
Governor Curley

An investigation into the case of Herbert H. Mansfield Jr., 19, of Providence and Hyannis, serving a year's sentence here for his proxy marriage to Vesta Jean Isherwood of Nantucket, was ordered by the Governor's office, raising Mansfield's hopes for a pardon.

John H. Backus, secretary to Governor Curley and advisor in penal matters advised The Standard-Times the probe has been launched "due to the unusual circumstances attached to the case and the contrary opinions expressed in reference to the disposition of the matter."

Mansfield pleaded guilty in the Superior Court here in November to charges of perjury and conspiracy to violate the marriage laws. Judge Walter L. Collins sentenced the youth. Mansfield later petitioned Governor Curley for a pardon.

In June, Mansfield accompanied by Gloria Rego, 15, of Providence, was married in Seekonk, the bride using Miss Isherwood's name. Mansfield, working as a grocery clerk at Nantucket in the Summer of 1934, met Miss Isherwood and when she entered the East Greenwich Academy in the Fall of that year, he obtained work in Providence. He claimed Miss Isherwood consented to have Gloria use her name, promising to join him at the close of the school year.

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\$77,000 ALLOTTED FOR CAMP ROADS

Federal Grant Falls Short of Promised Millions

BOSTON, Dec. 24—With only eight more days before the end of the year, Governor Curley yesterday received his first WPA appropriation towards the development of a National Guard camp at Bourne.

Instead of \$2,000,000 promised at various times during the year, the Federal allotment was \$77,000 for labor, material and equipment needed to construct serviceable roads "leading to and adjacent to" the camp.

Although officials said they were reasonably certain the camp development would eventually be approved as PWA project, and although the National Guard is already going ahead with plans to put its men in tents if no barracks have been erected by next June, no official confirmation of the \$2,000,000 job has been released at Washington yet.

TIMES Pawtucket, R. I.

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Why wait for a holiday to confer the boon?

PAYSON SMITH "OUSTED."

(New York Times.)

Failure of the executive council of Massachusetts to re-elect Dr. Payson Smith as state commissioner of education will give a shock to the educational world. He is held in high esteem by his profession. Last year at the convocation of the University of the State of New York, in urging more training of teachers in order to give children a better education, he said: "We must keep up the normal schools, not that the teacher may teach, but that the child may learn." If he had stopped there, his chances for re-election as commissioner might not have been impaired. But he added that "politicians" are liable to destroy our plans for normal schools, which are the centre of the whole school system.

Governor Curley stated, according to the report, that he had conferred with the Democratic members of the council before its meeting and found that, with the exception of the Lieutenant-Governor, all were opposed to Dr. Smith. This would seem to indicate that "politics" had a determining part in the ousting of this veteran educator who has maintained the tradition of such great New England educators as Horace Mann, Henry Barnard, and William T. Harris.

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That reminds me . . .

COUNCILMAN Martin M. Thrane did not have to perambulate the city's boundaries to prove to the general public that, in spite of his 280 pounds, he is a first class hiker.

Friends of Mat recall that as far back as 1912 he had established a name for himself as a champion walker. In that year he made a wager with a man by the name of Harris, a Boston contractor who was doing a job for the General Electric, that he could walk to North Adams and return on the same day.

Mat left the New American Hotel at 6 A. M., arrived in North Adams in time for a hearty noonday meal, and was back at the hotel in time for supper. He brought along an extra pair of heavy socks and put them on before he started the trek back to Pittsfield.

Mr. Thrane is a powerful man—not the overstuffed type that the mere mention of his weight might imply. When he was employed in the Schenectady works of the General Electric he walked to Troy on several occasions and set a brisk pace for his companions. Mat would rather walk than ride, especially if his course takes him through the outskirts of the city. His opinion of the outskirts is contained in this poem which he composed for The Eagle:

In the Outskirts

"In the outskirts, in the car
"A bump and a jar, and you know where
you are
"Remember, I am telling this to me
"And in Pittsfield I must be."

Chief Sullivan's Christmas card carries a picture of his West Housatonic Street home of which he and his family have every right to be proud. It houses a most estimable family.

MISS LOUISE GRAVELLE, a student at St. Anne's Academy, Marlboro, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Medos Gravelle, 68 Brown Street. There was an exciting incident at the school Sunday morning. At the close of the mass the fire drill alarm sounded and the building, which contains the church, was emptied in 1 minute and 40 seconds. There are 180 pupils. A fuse had blown out in the boiler room. Not until they were out doors did the children know that they had participated in a real fire drill. It was 6 o'clock and it was raining hard. There was no fire damage.

A woman drew from a bank her year's savings for Christmas—\$192—and placed the money in her bag.

In a store, a little later, she laid down the bag. When she turned to pick it up, it had disappeared. The Christmas spirit should impel the finder to return it.

AS you drive over the Berkshire Trail and arrive at the outskirts of Northampton, it seems as if you are entering a different world. The snow seems to have disappeared from the countryside at that point and no snow is to be seen anywhere, from there to Boston. There is quite a bit of snow between the Berkshires and Northampton. In Amherst there has been plowing. Lime has been thrown on the freshly turned earth there and some passersby have thought it was snow, but it wasn't. The roads on the Berkshire Trail are kept in A1 condition.

IN its story of The Metropolitan, Time, printing a picture (Mrs. August Belmont . . . "Put the tin cup on the shelf") says that Manager Johnson won the invaluable support of Mrs. Belmont who, as Actress Eleanor Robson (sister of Stuart Robison, noted player of his day)—at the old Empire Theater, used to hurry across the street from her performance to buy standing room at the Opera House to hear Termina, Calve, Caruso. Two years ago Mrs. Robson (New Ashford) became the Metropolitan's first woman director. For the past four months she has devoted all her energy to the opera as founder and chairman of the Opera Guild, an organization intended to boost the Metropolitan, create more general interest.

BOSTON Record publishes a two column picture of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kent White (Priscilla Colt), married here Nov. 30, linking them with the interesting fact that their Boston apartments are in the same building as those of the Governor's daughter (Donnelly).

ODD features of the year carry the story reported by Mike Troy of West Stockbridge about the man who was chopping wood, caught the axe in his mustache, inflicted a wound on his leg.

ADAMS is happy no end over the Reardan appointment. Down East they still think he's Reardon—and one paper had the middle name Gerard. The Boston Herald sent a man to Adams to interview the new State Superintendent of Education.

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for the expenditures it has authorized.

State House Briefs

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Insurance Commissioner Francis J. DeCelles yesterday conferred with representatives of insurance companies at his office over the recent decision of the State Supreme Court affecting compulsory automobile insurance guest coverage. Legislation to rectify the situation was considered.

A legislative investigation into casualty insurance companies and mutual liability insurance companies is sought in two bills filed with the clerk of the Senate by Senator P. Eugene Casey of Milford. Investigation would be by a special legislative committee.

Gov. Curley yesterday stated that his annual message to the Legislature has been completed with the exception of a few finish touches. It will be about 35 pages long as compared with his 58-page inaugural message.

Will Get Pay

Following a conference with Commissioner William F. Callahan of the State Department of Public Works, Gov. Curley announced that the 5000 men engaged in sidewalk projects along State highways throughout Massachusetts will receive their pay in time for Christmas. Some were paid yesterday and the rest will get their money today.

Three thousand needy families will receive Christmas baskets containing a complete Christmas dinner, as the result of a drive launched several weeks ago by Gov. Curley. Distribution started last night in the form of door deliveries. About 7000 requests were received, but investigation sifted these to 3000, as it developed the other families were cared for otherwise. The Governor expressed gratification and extended thanks to those who helped in the undertaking.

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LONG IN FAVOR OF DOING AWAY WITH STATE TAX

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In giving unqualified indorsement to the Governor's idea, Commissioner Long argues that having a deficiency bill is a relic of ancient times in the Massachusetts Bay colony and declares his conviction that the Legislature should take the responsibility for finding the money for the expenditures it has authorized.

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Portland, Me.
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In Yesterday's News

Governor Curley is being very severely criticized for his removal of Dr. Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education of Massachusetts. The action was wholly inspired by politics. Dr. Smith, at one time State Superintendent of Schools in Maine, is nationally recognized as one of the leading educators in the Country. Under his guidance the public schools of Massachusetts have attained an enviable reputation. To have such an official ousted from a position he has filled so well is a shocking thing and the people of the Old Bay State deeply resent it. Curley is "on his way out" anyway and his elimination from public life only awaits an opportunity for the people to express themselves. His attempt to inject politics into the school system will serve only to hasten his departure from public life.

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MURPHY, NAMED TO SUCCEED GILLETT, IS CONFIRMED

BOSTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Executive Council confirmed Governor James M. Curley's appointment of Howard H. Murphy, of Osterville, as State Commissioner of Agriculture today. The action came after members of the council delayed confirmation for several weeks. Murphy succeeds Edgar L. Liggett.

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Springfield, Mass.

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State Plays Santa To 35,000 People

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP)—It will be Christmas, too, for the 35,000 men, women and children in Massachusetts' state hospitals and institutions tomorrow.

Substituting for Santa, the Commonwealth has something for the stocking of every child in the state schools and hospitals.

It will be turkey "with all the fixin's" for Christmas dinner at all

the state institutions except the jails and prisons.

Even at the penal institutions, the prisoners will have a Christmas dinner. Roast pork will be the piece de resistance.

A Merry Christmas, a most Happy New Year, and the wish that Christmas Day of 1936 "will find you and your family enjoying health, happiness and all of God's choicest blessing" was Gov. James M. Curley's greeting to the men and women in state hospital and children in welfare institutions.

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WESTFIELD AND HOLYOKE LIFERS LEAVE PRISON

Both Happy to Gain Freedom; Each Will Be Given Assistance by Sister.

(Special to The Springfield Union)

BOSTON, Dec. 24—Two women, one living in New York City and the other in Burlington, Vt., will come to the assistance of two State prison lifers who were given Christmas pardons by Gov. Curley and freed this afternoon. Both men were convicted of murdering their wives.

The two are Samuel Powers of Westfield and Morris Levine of Holyoke, the former having been committed in 1914 and the latter in 1928.

Levine will go to Burlington to spend the rest of his life in the home of his sister, while Powers, a Negro, will go to New York, where he will be aided by a sister. Levine, now 67 years of age, was pardoned because of his physical condition. He is suffering from a bad heart and kidney trouble.

"That is so," he remarked today, "but I'm still able to do a good job of painting and am sure that I can find plenty to do up in Burlington. I lived there for about 15 years and will be overjoyed to get back there again."

Levine was high in his praises of the manner in which the Norfolk State Prison colony is conducted. He had been there for four months.

"They treat you so well and so much like you were worthy of consideration that you just couldn't go wrong again," he declared. "And I want to say that much of this is due to the manner in which the prison is conducted by Supt. Maurice Winslow and Deputy John O'Brien. There're wonderful men."

Powers, 46 years old, was delighted with his opportunity of starting life afresh.

"Believe me it's going to be a happy Christmas Day for me," he remarked.

Wojefech Nirusz of Salem, the third lifer pardoned, after serving 15 years for the killing of Mary B. Lavoie, was not at the State House. He is an alien and must be deported to Poland. Five other prisoners also were freed.

Greeting the released prisoners Gov. Curley said:

"Christmas conveys to every right thinking person peace on earth to men of good will. The commonwealth has exemplified its belief in that by granting a pardon to you men. On the eve of the birthday of Christ you are being returned to your families and your friends. How long you remain with them depends entirely upon you. Obey the laws and you will be safe. If you violate the laws you must suffer the penalties. There is one thing I want you to remember, and that is that the old law of compensation never sleeps, it always works. If you do good deeds you will be rewarded. If you do evil deeds you will never escape punishment."

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CURLEY RAPS SETTLEMENT OF BANK CLAIMS

**Governor Declares "Assets
of Depositors Are Being
Dissipated in Fees
to Attorneys"**

(Special to The Springfield Union)

BOSTON, Dec. 23—"The settlement of a claim in excess of \$3,000,000 for less than \$90,000 is in my opinion and in the opinion of the bank commissioner unworthy of consideration," Gov. James M. Curley this afternoon advised J. F. T. O'Connor comptroller of the currency, in connection with the chief executive's plea for speedy settlements of claims against the Federal National Bank.

Expressing regret that Comptroller O'Connor finds it impossible to adopt a more favorable attitude "rather than to continue the present policy under which the assets of the depositors are being dissipated in fees to attorneys and others engaged in liquidation work," Gov. Curley stressed the desirability of having the Federal Government's case presented at the earliest date and, on the rendering of a decision, "that a settlement may be made promptly without further expensive litigation."

The text of Gov. Curley's letter to Comptroller O'Connor follows:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your reply to my recent communication to you with reference to the speedy settlement of claims of the case of the Federal National Bank."

"It is a source of regret to be informed that apparently there is no possibility of a settlement except upon the terms that you deem proper. In justice to the 30,000 depositors in the Federal National Bank and the 60,000 depositors of closed State banks, it is unfortunate that you find it necessary to pursue the course which you have seen fit to adopt in this particular case."

"The settlement of a claim in excess of \$2,000,000 for less than \$900,000 is in my opinion and in the opinion of the bank commissioner unworthy of consideration. It is to be regretted that you find it impossible to adopt a more favorable attitude in the matter of settlement rather than to continue the present policy under which the assets of the depositors are being dissipated in fees to attorneys and others engaged in liquidation work."

"In view of the fact that the State claim has been filed in its entirety with the courts, it is highly desirable that the Federal Government's case be presented at the earliest possible date, and on the rendering of a decision by the court, I trust that a settlement may be made promptly without any further expensive litigation."

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HOLYOKE LIFER WILL BE FREED BY GOV. CURLEY

**Morris Levine, Wife Slayer,
Has Weak Heart; Six Others
to Quit Prison for
Christmas.**

BOSTON, Dec. 23—Gov. James M. Curley today recommended that clemency be extended to Morris E. Levine of Holyoke, a 67-years-old lifer in State Prison who is suffering with a bad heart and kidney trouble. He was sentenced to life imprisonment Oct. 4, 1928, for the murder of his wife. The Governor will ask that his sentence be commuted to one of 11 to 15 years.

This brings to seven the total of prisoners, three of whom are lifers, who will be released for Christmas by reason of executive clemency. In all cases the releases are through commutations of sentence.

Last week the Governor announced he had recommended the commutations of sentence for five prisoners, including two lifers. In one of these cases, however, that of Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac who terrorized the city in 1932 after firing two churches, the Governor said that the pardon request would be withdrawn pending an examination of Gardner's condition by Dr. Winfred Overholser, State Commissioner of Mental Diseases.

A public hearing in protest against Gardner's release was held by the Executive Council at the State House this morning. No one appeared to favor the release of the Worcester man. Dist. Atty. Owen A. Hoban of Worcester urged the postponement of clemency until the man had been examined and placed under observation for a 35-day period.

It was announced by the Governor that the Executive Council had favored the release of 10 others but that he had cut down the number to three which, together with last week's recommendations, make a total of seven men to be released.

Samuel Powers of Westfield is one of the three lifers who will go free Christmas. He was sentenced on Feb. 20, 1914, for the murder of his wife.

The Governor defied the orders of his physician to appear at the State House today and preside over the meeting of his Executive Council.

Suffering from a severe head cold the Governor had been urged by Dr. Martin English to remain at home in bed.

No new appointments were submitted to the Council during its special session.

"I don't want to put anyone out of a job for Christmas," the Governor said when asked whether he planned to submit any new nominations.

Howard Haynes Murphy of Osterville was confirmed by the Council as State Commissioner of Agriculture to succeed Edgar L. Gillett of Westfield.

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Parole Committee Hearing On Commuting Sentence Of Worcester Incendiary

Opposition to Plan Comes From That City — Action Deferred Until Alienists Observe Prisoner — Springfield and Holyoke Murderers Ordered Re- leased

From Our Special Reporter

Boston, Dec. 23—Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac, recommended for commutation of sentence from one of 10 to 12 years to one of four to 12 years last week by Gov. Curley, will be observed for 35 days by a board of psychiatrists, to be chosen by Dr. Winfred Overholser, mental diseases commissioner, as the result of a public hearing before the parole committee of the council today.

The decision to have such observation was made by Dist-Atty Owen A. Hoban of Worcester county, and endorsed by public and church officials today, the fear being that he has not been cured of his desire to see a blaze.

Gardner terrorized Worcester three years ago by setting fire to churches and dwellings. None appeared at the hearing today to support the recommendation.

Verbal Clashes at Hearing

Verbal clashes featured the hearing between Councilor Daniel H. Coakley of Boston and Councilors Frank A. Brooks of Watertown, former chairman of the state parole board, and Winfield A. Schuster of Douglas, who conducted the hearing for opponents of the clemency recommendation.

Dist-Atty Hoban first urged the council to postpone the proposed commutation until Gardner had been placed under observation for a 35-day period. He suggested a board of competent psychiatrists be appointed by Mental Diseases Commissioner Winfred Overholser, to determine whether Gardner can resist the impulse to set a fire. If it is determined he can, Hoban had no objection to his release, but emphatically reiterated that definite determination of the prisoner's condition at present be made first. Several others supported this stand.

The first clash between councilors occurred when Schuster asked if anyone were present to support the governor's recommendation, saying the people of Worcester are entitled to know who sponsored the clemency recommendation.

"Let's not get into politics by going off on a tangent like that," Coakley remarked, explaining that none but opponents were asked to appear at the hearing. He indicated his belief that the opponents had taken a sound position, adding he would have no intention of voting for commutation unless assured Gardner would not drink liquor again. Lieut-Gov Joseph

L. Hurley, presiding, explained that none had advocated the clemency except that a favorable recommendation had been made to the governor by Correction Commissioner Arthur L. Lyman, the board of parole and heads of the state prison and state prison colony.

Schuster maintained that in the past, the council has learned that persons advocating pardons have promised to employ a prisoner and help him go straight. The information has always been considered significant, he said.

Councilor Brooks asked the lieutenant-governor if the parole board held a hearing on the Gardner case and interviewed the prisoner. "Go down there and ask them," Coakley suggested. "Don't bother me."

"I'm not bothering you; I was bothering the lieutenant-governor," Brooks retorted. Hurley said he had no information on the hearing.

Protest From Worcester

A protest was registered from the people of the Pleasant-street Baptist church in Worcester, which Gardner fired, on the ground he had not been sufficiently punished. Dist-Atty Hoban told of the reign of terror that Gardner created, saying extra firemen were employed in January of 1932 as the result of a series of incendiary fires "and the people were afraid to go to sleep while the fire-bug was at large." Of Gardner's confession, Hoban said it was found he was "a true pyromaniac" who had "irresistible impulses to set fires, usually while under the influence of liquor."

Coakley inquired if he had ever evidenced such desires prior to that year, and Hoban replied there had been five or six mysterious fires in the plant where Gardner was employed. When he was arrested, fires in Worcester immediately stopped. He warned if sentence is commuted, Gardner is immediately eligible for parole. "If he cannot properly control his impulses, he would be a real menace not only to property but to life," Hoban declared, after asking for a psychiatric examination of the man. He was supported by Police Chief Thomas F. Foley of Worcester, and by former Dist-Atty Edward T. Estey, appearing as a vestryman of the All Saints church, as well as by William P. Finneran, superintendent of detectives of the Worcester police department. Rev Richard Preston and Wardens Al-

bert W. Rice and George S. Barton of All Saints church, which Gardner also fired, were present but did not speak.

Curley's Letter to Overholser

After the hearing, Gov. Curley sent the following letter to Commissioner Overholser:—

"I recently recommended to the governor's council the pardon of a Mr. Gardner who had been sentenced for from 6 to 10 years for the crime of arson. At a hearing of the governor's council, held this day, the recommendation was made by Dist-Atty Hoban of Worcester county that an examination should be made of Mr. Gardner by competent alienists to determine whether or not he was a pyromaniac, before releasing him on pardon. I am desirous that you have this done and report the results to me at the earliest possible date pending such action and report as outlined in the recommendation as made to the governor's council."

Withdraws Commutation Proposal

The governor withdrew his recommendation for commutation for Gardner, pending outcome of this examination. He also declared the council had cut his recommendations for 10 prisoners' freedom to seven. Three of them are lifers. They will be freed for Christmas, gaining freedom by means of pardon on parole conditions.

Prisoners to Be Released

The three new prisoners favored today are:—

Morris Levine, 67, of Holyoke, a lifer, who killed his wife. He is suffering from a bad heart and kidney trouble. He was sentenced to life imprisonment on October 4, 1928. Parole was granted by council on vote of 7 to 2. Councilors Brooks and Schuster voted against. Levine stabbed his wife to death in a fit of anger, hacking her body severely, one knife thrust going through her heart. She had had him in court for nonsupport, and he was on parole, a condition which galled him and led to the murder.

William G. Henry of Dorchester, sentenced to three to five years on June 5, 1934, for larceny of \$17,000 from the Minot Cooperative bank. The governor said that bank officials and the district-attorney had no objection to his release.

Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, sentenced to 15 to 18 years for stealing \$30. With a drinking companion, Zinkowitch stole the pay envelope of a third man. The envelope was found on the other man, but he was freed and Zinkowitch sentenced. He will probably be deported to Poland.

Springfield Murderer Gets Pardon

Of the four recommended for clemency last week, Samuel Powers of Springfield, serving life since February 20, 1914, for murder of his wife, received pardon by vote of 6 to 3. Lieut-Gov Hurley voting with Councilors Schuster and Brooks against.

Powers, who was a garage worker in Springfield, choked his wife during a jealous rage, at their Ferry-street home, and he then smothered her with a pillow. Powers petitioned for a pardon in 1932, was given a hearing by the parole board at Charles Town prison, and that board refused to recommend clemency. Powers has had a poor prison record, having served 37 days in solitary confinement for infraction of prison rules.

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NEWS
Salem, Mass.

DEC 24 1935

State Plans to Entertain 35,000 In Institutions

**Sick and Unfortunate Men,
Women and Children Will
Have Turkey Dinner and
Receive Presents**

(Special to The News)

State House, Boston, Dec. 24—Approximately 35,000 sick and unfortunate men, women and children, a sufficient number to populate a fair sized city, will depend this year upon the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to provide them with both good cheer and material provision which go to make up a Merry Christmas. They are patients and inmates of state hospitals and institutions.

This means the purchase of tons and tons of turkey, candy, delicacies of all descriptions, also buying decorations for hundreds of Christmas trees for hospital wards and in many cases special gifts for those who have no one of their own kin to remember them at Christmas morning. The commonwealth has not been found wanting in its traditional duty to spread the spirit of Christmas throughout every hospital, school, prison and welfare institution in the state.

The State house itself, with more than 1000 electric candles gleaming from its windows and an eight-foot wreath adorning the Bulfinch front directly under the cupola, typifies the commonwealth's devotion to its duty of propagating the Christmas among all its citizens.

Christmas parties and exchange of gifts, which has been the custom among employes of the various departments of the State house, are being replaced this year, for the most part, by the filling and distribution of Christmas baskets among the needy. State house employes were dismissed at 12 o'clock this noon, with the exception of those who comprise a small operating force to keep the various departments open to the service of the public.

Gov. Curley wrote a
Special Christmas Message

which will appear on the Christmas programs of the patients of state hospitals and the children in welfare institutions. It reads as follows:

"As governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts it is an exceeding pleasure to extend to you and your family sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

"I sincerely trust that the program presented this day may bring some measure of joy upon this Christmas day, and that Christmas day in 1936 will find you and your family enjoying health, happiness and all of God's choicest blessings."

(Signed) James M. Curley.
Turkey, of course, is the feature of the Christmas menu at all except penal institutions under state control. Here is a representative menu, this one being prepared for the patients of the Taunton State hospital, which is under the department of mental diseases:

Celery, pickles, roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, boiled onions, squash, cranberry sauce, mince of pumpkin pie, plum pudding, custard sauce, cheese, candy, fruit, nuts, cider, dates, figs and favors.

Santa Claus has been notified to visit every one of the 300 children at the State hospital at Canton and other children's institutions.

None Will Be Neglected

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At State prison the 900 odd inmates will be provided with the following menu: Roast pork, squash, potato, coffee, mince pie.

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Commissioner Long Favors Abolition of State Tax

Says It Is Unwarranted Burden on Municipalities and Should Be Ended Through Curtailment of Expenditures

(Special to The Springfield Union)

BOSTON, Dec. 23—Strong support for Gov. Curley's proposal to abolish the State tax comes from Tax Commissioner Henry F. Long. The Governor believes that the State tax is an unwarranted burden on the municipalities and should be eliminated through curtailment of governmental expenditures.

In giving unqualified indorsement to the Governor's idea, Commissioner Long argues that having a deficiency bill is a relic of ancient times in the Massachusetts bay colony and declares his conviction that the Legislature should take the responsibility for finding the money for the expenditures it has authorized.

"It is the most worth-while suggestion I have heard for some time," Commissioner Long declared. "I am very much of the opinion that each unit of government should support itself. Then in time the State will either build up a surplus or incur a deficit and this is as it should be."

"It is ridiculous to say that we are balancing the State budget when we are not, when we are simply making up a shortage by assessing it upon the cities and towns."

"Having a deficiency bill is a relic

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CHRISTMAS SIGN ON THE STATE HOUSE

From Our Special Reporter

Boston, Dec. 23—On the facade of the State House tomorrow will appear a sign with these words:—

"The commonwealth extends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year—James M. Curley, governor."

The sign, bordered with a garland of evergreens, will be illuminated at night. It is the first time that a Christmas greeting of such nature has ever adorned the state capitol building.

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Sugar-Coating by Promises

Governor Curley characteristically sugar-coats his intention to drive for a new \$6,000,000 state loan for contracting for new buildings with the announcement of a purpose to strive for the abolition of the state tax. It's like a wisp of hay dangled temptingly before a horse to lead him into action for special purposes.

The abolition of state direct taxation on cities and towns would, of course, be highly desirable but, as a promise from the Governor, it is merely bait for more expenditures and higher taxes. The chairman of the Ways and Means committee predicts an increase of some \$5,000,000 in the deficit of the state government next year and it is largely because of the additional costs that Governor Curley wedged through the last legislative session by similar sugar-coated promises to individual members who were too gullible and simple to be in the legislature.

It is bad enough for the people of the State to pay \$2000 a year plus mileage and keeps for such gullible legislators but still worse is the fact that the gullibility results in saddling on the taxpaying public state deficits and higher taxes to man a political machine for a designing Governor at state expense.

Instead of abolishing the state tax, Governor Curley has moved to increase it next year for it will be difficult to take any more out of the highway fund without taking it out of the highways. New forms of taxation would also be difficult and actually impossible without settling a further burden on real estate, for there is no escape from the fact that, with scarce exceptions, any tax, however laid, falls on the man with a real estate roof over his head, either as a home owner or as a business man.

If Governor Curley's gesture for reducing the costs of state government were other than a gesture to offset demands for higher costs and if he really did abolish the state tax by cutting \$15,000,000 from the costs of the state government, he would be entitled to a monument at state expense. Such a hope is rather forlorn, as Governor Curley's administration as mayor of Boston and his administration for one year as Governor of Massachusetts has demonstrated.

Hope for keeping state expenditures from rising can be placed only in the possibility of less Republican gullibility in the next legislative session than in the last.

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Federal and State Relief

While the federal relief administration in Pennsylvania is criticized severely by former Gov Pinchot as a political spoils administration, the situation seems to be reversed here in Massachusetts. A singular episode at the meeting of the Democratic state committee in Boston, on Saturday, was the attack on the federal relief administrator by State Auditor Buckley. It was not Mr Buckley's first public assault of this character, but this time he attempted to make a Democratic issue for the national convention to consider.

In brief, our Democratic state auditor's grievance is that deserving Democrats have been given only two out of 27 administrative positions in this state's federal relief organization. He thought it shameful that Republicans should hold these positions while Democrats were being accused of reckless waste of relief funds. Mr Buckley, as a partisan, is fully entitled to his point of view, yet the non-partisan setup of the federal relief administration in Massachusetts is certainly advertised by his complaints.

Conditions are bound to differ widely in different states. In Indiana, according to the correspondent of the New York Times, federal relief has been so well administered that no political issue is being made out of it. It can be said for Mr Hopkins, the head administrator in Washington, that he is anything but a politician; his background is entirely that of a social worker and relief specialist. Even such a man, however, must run into bad messes in some states on account of political pressures and the incompetence even of his own selections of relief officials for the most responsible positions.

It is very much to be doubted, however, that there would be a more efficient or cleaner relief administration in many states if federal control were wholly withdrawn and federal relief funds were left to be administered solely by state administrators. It is not conceivable that

in Massachusetts under Gov Curley an exclusive state control of relief funds would be more efficient or more nonpartisan than under federal control. It is incredible that state control would be more honest and less wasteful than federal in states like New York, Illinois and Louisiana, not to mention others. The choice is between evils, but the lesser evil, so far as waste and graft are concerned, cannot be confidently identified with exclusive state control of federal relief funds.

The question will soon be more pressing for financial reasons. A strong economy and taxpayer movement now demands the complete abandonment of federal control of relief expenditures and the adoption of the policy of contributions to the states much reduced in size, matching the sums raised by local and state governments. While this plan has the merit of reviving state responsibility for relief, it ignores the principle that the federal government has a right to supervise the expenditure of federal funds as long as they are allocated. The Canadian government has but recently decided that the Dominion shall assume a larger share of the relief burden of the provinces, with comparable authority in administration.

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Parole Committee Hearing On Commuting Sentence Of Worcester Incendiary

Opposition to Plan Comes From That City — Action Deferred Until Alienists Observe Prisoner — Springfield and Holyoke Murderers Ordered Re- leased

Boston, Dec. 24—Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac, recommended for commutation of sentence from one of 10 to 12 years to one of four to 12 years last week by Gov Curley, will be observed for 35 days by a board of psychiatrists, to be chosen by Dr Winfred Overholser, mental diseases commissioner, as the result of a public hearing before the parole committee of the council yesterday.

The decision to have such observation was made by Dist-Atty Owen A. Hoban of Worcester county, and endorsed by public and church officials today, the fear being that he has not been cured of his desire to see a blaze.

Gardner terrorized Worcester three years ago by setting fire to churches and dwellings. None appeared at the hearing today to support the recommendation.

Verbal Clashes at Hearing

Verbal clashes featured the hearing between Councilor Daniel H. Coakley of Boston and Councilors Frank A. Brooks of Watertown, former chairman of the state parole board, and Winfield A. Schuster of Douglas, who conducted the hearing for opponents of the clemency recommendation.

Dist-Atty Hoban first urged the council to postpone the proposed commutation until Gardner had been placed under observation for a 35-day period. He suggested a board of competent psychiatrists be appointed by Mental Diseases Commissioner Winfred Overholser, to determine whether Gardner can resist the impulse to set a fire. If it is determined he can, Hoban had no objection to his release, but emphatically reiterated that definite determination of the prisoner's condition at present be made first. Several others supported this stand.

The first clash between councilors occurred when Schuster asked if anyone were present to support the governor's recommendation, saying the people of Worcester are entitled to know who sponsored the clemency recommendation.

"Let's not get into politics by going off on a tangent like that," Coakley remarked, explaining that none but opponents were asked to appear at the hearing. He indicated his belief that the opponents had taken a sound position, adding he would have no intention of voting for commutation unless assured Gardner would not drink liquor again. Lieut-Gov Joseph

L. Hurley, presiding, explained that none had advocated the clemency except that a favorable recommendation had been made to the governor by Correction Commissioner Arthur L. Lyman, the board of parole and heads of the state prison and state prison colony.

Schuster maintained that in the past, the council has learned that persons advocating pardons have promised to employ a prisoner and help him go straight. The information has always been considered significant, he said.

Councilor Brooks asked the lieutenant-governor if the parole board held a hearing on the Gardner case and interviewed the prisoner. "Go down there and ask them," Coakley suggested. "Don't bother me."

"I'm not bothering you; I was bothering the lieutenant-governor," Brooks retorted. Hurley said he had no information on the hearing.

Protest From Worcester

A protest was registered from the people of the Pleasant-street Baptist church in Worcester, which Gardner fired, on the ground he had not been sufficiently punished. Dist-Atty Hoban told of the reign of terror that Gardner created, saying extra firemen were employed in January of 1932 as the result of a series of incendiary fires "and the people were afraid to go to sleep while the firebug was at large." Of Gardner's confession, Hoban said it was found he was "a true pyromaniac" who had "irresistible impulses to set fires, usually while under the influence of liquor."

Coakley inquired if he had ever evidenced such desires prior to that year, and Hoban replied there had been five or six mysterious fires in the plant where Gardner was employed. When he was arrested, fires in Worcester immediately stopped. He warned if sentence is commuted, Gardner is immediately eligible for parole. "If he cannot properly control his impulses, he would be a real menace not only to property but to life," Hoban declared, after asking for a psychiatric examination of the man. He was supported by Police Chief Thomas F. Foley of Worcester, and by former Dist-Atty Edward T. Estey, appearing as a vestryman of the All Saints church, as well as by William P. Finneran, superintendent of detectives of the

Worcester police department. Rev Richard Preston and Wardens Albert W. Rice and George S. Barton of All Saints church, which Gardner also fired, were present but did not speak.

Curley's Letter to Overholser

After the hearing, Gov Curley sent the following letter to Commissioner Overholser:—

"I recently recommended to the governor's council the pardon of a Mr Gardner who had been sentenced for from 6 to 10 years for the crime of arson. At a hearing of the governor's council, held this day, the recommendation was made by Dist-Atty Hoban of Worcester county that an examination should be made of Mr Gardner by competent alienists to determine whether or not he was a pyromaniac, before releasing him on pardon. I am desirous that you have this done and report the results to me at the earliest possible date pending such action and report as outlined in the recommendation as made to the governor's council."

Withdraws Commutation Proposal

The governor withdrew his recommendation for commutation for Gardner, pending outcome of this examination. He also declared the council had cut his recommendations for 10 prisoners' freedom to seven. Three of them are lifers. They will be freed for Christmas, gaining freedom by means of pardon on parole conditions.

Prisoners to Be Released

The three new prisoners favored today are:—

Morris Levine, 67, of Holyoke, a lifer, who killed his wife. He is suffering from a bad heart and kidney trouble. He was sentenced to life imprisonment on October 4, 1928. Parole was granted by council on vote of 7 to 2. Councilors Brooks and Schuster voted against. Levine stabbed his wife to death in a fit of anger, hacking her body severely, one knife thrust going through her heart. She had had him in court for nonsupport, and he was on parole, a condition which galled him and led to the murder.

William G. Henry of Dorchester, sentenced to three to five years on June 5, 1934, for larceny of \$17,000 from the Minot Cooperative bank. The governor said that bank officials and the district attorney had no objection to his release.

Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, sentenced to 15 to 18 years for stealing \$30. With a drinking companion, Zinkowitch stole the pay envelope of a third man. The envelope was found on the other man, but he was freed and Zinkowitch sentenced. He will probably be deported to Poland.

Springfield Murderer Gets Pardon

Of the four recommended for clemency last week, Samuel Powers of Springfield, serving life since February 20, 1914, for murder of his wife, received pardon by vote of 6 to 3. Lieut-Gov Hurley voting with Councilors Schuster and Brooks against.

Powers, who was a garage worker in Springfield, choked his wife during a jealous rage, at their Ferry-street home, and he then smothered her with a pillow. Powers petitioned for a pardon in 1932, was given a hearing by the parole board at Charles Town prison, and that board refused to recommend clemency. Powers has had a poor prison record, having served 37 days in solitary confinement for infraction of prison rules.

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State Remembers Inmates Of Institutions On Xmas

Tons and Tons of Turkeys, Candy and Other Delicacies Provided by Commonwealth for Its Unfortunates

Boston, Dec. 24—While the last-minute hustle and bustle of merry Christmas preparation reaches its zenith in shops and homes, 35,000 unfortunate men, women and children—enough to populate a fair-sized city—have no bundles to wrap, no shopping to do.

They are patients and inmates of state hospitals and institutions.

Many may have forgotten Christmas. But the state has not forgotten them.

Tons and tons of turkeys, candy and other delicacies, hundreds of Christmas trees and evergreen decorations, and in many cases special gifts for those who have no kin to remember them Christmas morning were purchased by the state.

It is traditional that the state spread some mead of cheer to bring a little sunshine into lonely and empty and broken lives.

The State House itself, aglow with more than 1000 electric candles and an eight-foot wreath adorning the Bullfinch front under the cupola, typifies the commonwealth's spirit of spreading goodwill.

Christmas parties and exchange of gifts which have been the custom among employees of various departments, were replaced in large part this year by the filling and distribution of Christmas baskets among the needy. Some 3000 turkeys with all the fixings were being distributed today.

State House employees were dismissed at noon, with the exception of a small operating force to keep various departments open.

Gov. James M. Curley wrote a special Christmas greeting which will appear on the Christmas programs of patients in state hospitals and the children's welfare institutions, as follows:—

"As governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is an exceeding pleasure to extend to you and your family sincere wishes for a merry Christmas and a most happy New Year.

"I sincerely trust that the program measure of joy upon this Christmas day, and that Christmas day in 1936 will find you and your family enjoying health, happiness and all of God's choicest blessings.

"JAMES M. CURLEY."

Turkey was the feature of the Christmas menu at all except penal institutions under state control. Here is a representative menu, this one being prepared for the patients of the Taunton State hospital, which is under the department of mental diseases:—

"Celery, pickles, roast turkey, dressing, mashed creamed potatoes, giblet gravy, boiled onions, squash, cranberry sauce, mince or pumpkin pie, plum pudding, custard sauce, cheese, candy, fruit, nuts, cider, dates, figs and favors."

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STATE HOUSE NOTES

Sidewalk Workers Promised Checks

Boston, Dec. 23—The 5000 men engaged in sidewalk projects throughout the state are to have their paychecks by Christmas. Some were paid this afternoon; more will be paid tomorrow. To make it possible to receive their money, clerks in the public works department have been working day and night getting out the payrolls.

Guest Coverage Conference

Insurance Commissioner Francis J. DeCelles today conferred with representatives of insurance companies at his office over the recent decision of the state supreme court affecting compulsory automobile insurance guest coverage. Legislation to rectify the situation was considered.

Curley's Message Nearly Ready

Gov. Curley has completed his annual message to the Legislature with the excepting of a few finishing touches. He said today the message is about 35 pages long. He was suffering with a severe head cold today, but came to his office to preside over the executive council meeting, against the orders of his doctor, Dr. Martin English. However, he returned home and to bed as soon as he was able to get away from the office.

Will Speak at Dorchester Forum

State Auditor Thomas H. Buckley has been designated by the Democratic state committee chairman, Joseph McGrath to present the Democratic aspects of the new deal at the open forum of a Jewish group at Dorchester Sunday morning. Former Atty.-Gen. Joseph E. Warner will present the Republican viewpoint and that of the Socialists will be taken care of by Alfred Baker Lewis. Each speaker will have 30 minutes and will then submit to questioning.

Would Have Insurance Inquiry

A legislative investigation into casualty insurance companies and mutual liability insurance companies is sought in two bills filed with the Senate clerk this afternoon.

3000 Families to Get Baskets

Three thousand needy families will receive Christmas baskets containing a complete Christmas dinner, as the result of the drive launched several weeks ago by Gov. Curley. Distribution started tonight in the form of door deliveries. About 7000 requests were received, but investigation sifted these to 3000, as it developed the other families were cared for otherwise. The governor expressed gratification and extended thanks to those who helped in the undertaking.

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Governor Curley was amazingly modest in appealing to hotel men in the State for money for his so-called basket fund. The hotel men are only a small portion of the taxpayers who already contribute to the Governor's political style of government.

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SPRINGFIELD WIFE-SLAYER IS PARDONED

Samuel Powers Sentenced to
Life Term in 1914;
Formerly Lived in
Westfield

BOSTON, Dec. 23—(AP)—Among life-term prisoners pardoned by Gov. Curley today was Samuel Powers of Springfield, sentenced for the slaying of his wife in 1914.

Lived in Westfield
Before Moving Here

Samuel Powers was residing at 183 William St., Springfield, when he was sentenced to life imprisonment on Feb. 20, 1914, for shooting his wife. He was arrested for the murder May 7, 1913, by Inspector Frank W. Quilty, who now operates the Quilty Detective Agency. Powers was born in Westfield and was 22 years old when he was sentenced.

Police officers now on duty who were on the force at the time said last night they could not recall that the case attracted much attention. They said the shooting resulted from a family argument. Chief Thomas F. Daley of Westfield said Powers lived in that city several years and moved to Springfield shortly before the crime. The murder is the only crime listed against Powers on the files at police headquarters here.

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Curley Advertises Self and Christmas In Electric Sign

BOSTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Massachusetts will extend holiday greetings from its State House tomorrow for the first time.

Bordered with a garland of evergreens, the sign, to be illuminated at night on the facade of the Capitol building, will say: "The Commonwealth extends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year — James M. Curley, Governor."

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3000 Families To Get Baskets

Needy Persons to Receive
Dinners as Result of
Curley's Drive

(Special to The Springfield Union)
BOSTON, Dec. 23—Three thousand families in need will receive Christmas baskets containing a full Christmas dinner as the result of a drive launched several weeks ago by Gov. James M. Curley.

Distribution will start tonight and will be in the form of door deliveries on orders for the turkeys and fixings.

Approximately 7000 requests were received by the Governor and when these were sifted down it developed that about two-thirds of the list could be cared for.

The Governor expressed his gratification and extended his thanks to those who assisted in the undertaking.

The Christmas baskets will contain two fowl (three to four pounds each), one half peck of potatoes, three pounds of squash, two pounds of onions, one can of cranberry sauce, one-half pound of butter, one half pound of tea, two pounds of sugar, one dozen oranges, one loaf of white bread, one loaf of whole wheat bread and two pounds of Christmas candy.

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RADIO PRIEST SENDS GREETINGS TO CURLEY

Boston, Dec. 24—Rev Charles E. Coughlin, Detroit radio priest, today wished Gov James M. Curley "A holy and happy Christmas."

His Eminence Archbishop Theodosios, head of the Syrian Church in America, today paid his respects to the governor at the State House.

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STATE HOUSE SIGN'S XMAS GREETING IS FIRST IN HISTORY

Boston, Dec. 24—For the first time in its colorful history, the State House carried a written greeting to the citizens of the state and visitors today.

"The commonwealth extends a merry Christmas and happy New Year—James M. Curley, governor," appears on a sign decorated with garlands of evergreens and illuminated at night.

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MURPHY IS CONFIRMED FOR AGRICULTURE POST

Osterville Man Approved for
State Commissioner by
6 to 3 Vote

From Our Special Reporter.

Boston, Dec 23—Howard Haynes Murphy of Osterville was this afternoon confirmed by the executive council as commissioner of agriculture, to succeed Edgar L. Gillett of Canton, formerly of Westfield, by vote of 6 to 3 on straight party lines. He was given the oath of office at once by the governor.

The governor sent in no new appointments this week, explaining, "I don't want to put anyone out of a job for Christmas."

In connection with the Murphy appointment, it had been stated that former Commissioner Dr Arthur W. Gilbert was being advanced for the post. The governor said today he had received a letter from Dr Gilbert saying he would not consider the appointment to his former post because he had obtained what he believed to be a better position with the federal government.

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Will Blaze On State House

For the first time in the history of the State, the Christmas greetings of the Governor will be flashed in elaborate Neon lights across the third floor balcony over the Beacon street main entrance to the Capitol.

The sign, which is thirty feet long and thirteen feet high, will bear the inscription:

"The Commonwealth extends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," and in facsimile Neon will be the signature: "James M. Curley, Governor."

The sign is being erected by order of Governor Curley and employees of John Donnelly & Sons, who are doing the work, said last night they hoped to complete its installation today.

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U. S. SENDS CASH FOR BOURNE BRIDGE

With only eight more days before the end of the year, Gov. Curley yesterday received his first WPA appropriation towards the development of a national guard camp at Bourne.

Instead of the \$2,000,000 promised at various times during the year, the federal allotment was \$77,000 for labor, material and equipment needed to construct serviceable roads "leading to and adjacent to" the camp.

Although officially said they were reasonably certain the camp development would eventually be approved as a PWA project, and although the national guard is already going ahead with plans to put its men in tents there, if no barracks have been erected before next June, no official confirmation of the \$2,000,000 job has been released at Washington yet.

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State House Briefs

By Donal F. MacPhee

Curley's Xmas Card

BOSTON, Dec. 23—"My greeting to the people of the Commonwealth is expressed on the card which I have sent to the 4000 persons who will receive Christmas baskets," Gov. James M. Curley this afternoon stated. The card reads:

"That Christmas day may be most happy is the sincere wish of James M. Curley, Governor of Massachusetts."

Employment Data

A very slender gain of one tenth of one per cent in persons employed and a drop of three per cent in the total weekly payrolls developed last month in Springfield, statistics given out today by the State Department of Labor and Industries disclose. In Pittsfield, the only other Western Massachusetts municipality tabulated, there was a drop of one and one tenth per cent in the number employed and a decrease of three and six tenths per cent in total weekly payrolls.

Asks Insurance Probe

A legislative investigation into casualty insurance companies and mutual liability insurance companies is sought in two bills filed with the clerk of the Senate today by Senator P. Eugene Casey of Milford. Investigation would be by a special legislative committee.

Message Completed

Gov. Curley today stated that his annual message to the Legislature has been completed with the exception of a few finish touches. It will be about 35 pages long, as compared with his 58-page inaugural message.

Will Get Pay Today

Following a conference today with Commissioner William F. Callahan of the State Department of Public Works, Gov. Curley announced that the 5000 men engaged in sidewalk projects along State highways throughout Massachusetts will receive their pay in time for Christmas. Some were paid today and the rest will get their money tomorrow.

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Payson Smith "Ousted"

Failure of the Executive Council of Massachusetts to re-elect Dr. Payson Smith as State commissioner of education will give a shock to the educational world. He is held in high esteem by his profession. Last year at the convocation of the University of the State of New York, in urging more training of teachers in order to give children a better education, he said: "We must keep up the normal schools, not that the teacher may teach but that the child may learn. If he had stopped there, his chances for re-election as commissioner might not have been impaired. But he added that "politicians" are liable to destroy our plans for normal schools, which are the center of the whole school system.

Governor Curley stated, according to the report that he had conferred with the Democratic members of the Council before its meeting and found that with the exception of the lieutenant governor, all were opposed to Dr. Smith. This would seem to indicate that "politics" had a determining part in the ousting of this veteran educator who has maintained the tradition of such great New England educators as Horace Mann, Henry Barnard and William T. Harris.—New York Times.

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Pardons Given, Massachusetts

**Murderer, Thief, and Man
Who Aided In Theft
Are Freed**

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—(P)—Executive clemency, traditionally exercised by Massachusetts governors at Christmas, was extended today to a man who killed his wife, a teller who stole \$17,000 from his bank, and a man who robbed a companion of \$30.

The three men were granted pardons under parole conditions by the executive council, on recommendation of Governor James M. Curley, who last week had recommended also the pardon of two lifers and two men serving sentences for manslaughter.

Pardons also were granted these four under parole conditions.

The two other lifers pardoned were Samuel Powers of Westfield, sentenced for the slaying of his wife in 1914, and Wojciech Birusz of Salem. Birusz, convicted of the murder of Mary P. Lavoie in 1920, will be deported to his native Poland under the terms of his pardon.

Pardons also were granted to William Hooper of Lynn and Thomas J. Panetta of Cambridge, both serving sentences for manslaughter. Hooper has been in prison since 1933, and Panetta since 1929.

The seven prisoners will be released formally tomorrow noon.

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CURLEY PROTESTS BANK SETTLEMENT

**Frowns on \$900,000 Sum
In Federal National Case**

BOSTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Settlement for less than nine hundred thousand dollars of a claim exceeding three million dollars against the closed Federal National Bank was frowned upon today by Gov. James M. Curley. The state is suing the Federal government, seeking to recover, for the benefit of the Bancroft Trust Co. of Worcester and other affiliates of the closed Federal National of Boston, assets allegedly used for the benefit of the Federal National.

Writing to J. F. T. O'Connor, United States comptroller of the currency, Curley said:

"It is a source of regret to be informed that apparently there is no possibility on a settlement upon the terms that you deem proper. In justice to the thirty thousand depositors in the Federal National Bank and the fifty thousand depositors of closed state banks, it is unfortunate that you find it necessary to pursue the course which you have seen fit to adopt in this particular case.

"The settlement of a claim in excess of three million dollars for less than nine hundred thousand dollars is in my opinion and in the opinion of the bank commissioner unworthy of consideration.

"It is to be regretted that you find it impossible to adopt a more favorable attitude in the matter of settlement rather than to continue the present policy under which the assets of the depositors are being dissipated in fees to attorneys and others engaged in liquidation work."

The Governor urged early presentation of the government's case and immediate settlement upon the decision of the court.

The Federal National Bank and its affiliates with deposits of sixty million dollars closed before the bank holiday in 1932.

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MURPHY IS NAMED AGRICULTURE HEAD

**Confirmed Despite Protest
By Farm Interests**

By Telegram State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Farming interests lost their battle against Howard H. Murphy, occupant of a 40-acre Osterville farm and holder of a government mail carrying contract, as Commissioner of Agriculture this afternoon. Murphy was confirmed by a 6 to 3 vote of the Governor's Council.

It was the third time the appointment of Murphy by the Governor to succeed Edgar L. Gillett, an Ely appointee, had been before the Council. The vote confirming Murphy was along straight party lines.

The appointment of Murphy by the Governor met with opposition shortly after it was made, particularly from farming interests.

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STATE HOUSE SIGN TO GIVE GREETING

**Curley Innovation to Flash
In Electric Lights**

By Telegram State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—For the first time in the history of the state a huge electric sign will flare from the facade of the State House, blazoning the greetings of the Commonwealth to its people over the signature of a Governor.

The sign will be in operation tomorrow and, electrically lighted and evergreen trimmed, will read: "The commonwealth extends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. James M. Curley, Governor."

Traditionally, the State House is decorated at Christmas time—candles in the windows and a festooning of greenery on the front of the building. But this will be the first time, it was said, that a sign such as that under erection this afternoon has ever been used.

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CURLEY DROPS PROPOSAL TO FREE GARDNER

Asks Mental Examination
For Prisoner; Protests
From City Many

HOBAN AT HEARING

Chief Foley Also Attends
Hub Session; Schuster
Cites Church Stand

By CLINTON P. ROWE
Telegram State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—The recommended commutation of sentence for Henry A. Gardner, serving a 10 to 12-year prison term for firing two Worcester churches and other buildings, was withdrawn temporarily this afternoon by Governor Curley, following emphatic protests against clemency from church and public officials at a hearing before the Pardons Committee of the Council.

Governor Curley, in withdrawing the case temporarily, said he had asked Dr. Winfred Overholser, commissioner of mental diseases, to have Gardner examined by alienists as requested by District Attorney Owen A. Hoban of Worcester county. The district attorney, insisting that Gardner is a "true pyromaniac," demanded his examination "by a competent board of psychiatrists" as a condition to consideration of clemency. He said Gardner's present condition should be known.

The hearing before the Pardons Committee was marked by the Hoban recital of the reign of terror in Worcester before Gardner's arrest, by assertion of a church official and former district attorney that it was safer to free a murderer under life sentence than a pyromaniac.

The hearing today was ordered following protests last week against the action of Governor Curley in recommending that Gardner's sentence for firing All

Saints' Episcopal Church, the Pleasant Street Baptist Church and other Worcester buildings, be commuted from 10 to 12 years to 4 to 12 years. Such commutation would make him eligible for immediate parole.

At the Hearings

Present at the hearing were Mr. Hoban, Chief of Police Thomas F. Foley, Superintendent William P. Finneran of the Detective Bureau, George Barton, a warden of All Saints' Church, Rev. Richard G. Preston, its rector; Edward T. Esty, vestryman and former district attorney, and Allen W. Rice, a warden of All Saints' Church.

The Governor indicated that his future action on the case would be governed by the Overholser report.

District Attorney Hoban argued that Gardner should be subjected to 35 days' observation.

"The observation should be such that the board could give a fair picture of Gardner," the district attorney said. "It should be a picture so they could tell you whether he could now resist the temptation to set fires. If the board should say that he could, that he is now all right, I would not oppose clemency."

Schuster Heard

Councilor Winfield A. Schuster of East Douglas presented a resolution from the Pleasant street Baptist Church, expressing belief that Gardner had not been sufficiently punished and that he was a dangerous man to be at large.

Describing events leading up to Gardner's arrest, Mr. Hoban told of the series of fires. "Very serious in connection with this series were those in dwelling houses, where human life and safety was involved," he said. "In one instance, a family narrowly escaped."

"There was a reign of terror," Mr. Hoban continued. "Extra police were put on duty in an effort to apprehend the person setting the fires and to guard property. Guards were set. In some cases families watched their homes, with husband and wife dividing the watch of the night against fires."

In the plant where Gardner had worked, the district attorney said, there had been a series of fires. Mr. Hoban said Gardner confessed to Superintendent Finneran of the detective bureau that he had set six fires.

"True Pyromaniac"

"Gardner was a true pyromaniac," the district attorney asserted and said the series of Worcester fires ceased with Gardner's arrest.

Chief of Police Thomas F. Foley of Worcester said the public state of mind in connection with the Gardner case was such as to "give us concern." He said that telephone and personal calls had been received concerning the case and that the people of Worcester, "much disturbed, should have proper assurance that if this man is set at large he would not commit the same crimes." The chief said he agreed with the district attorney.

"A Larger Problem"

Mr. Esty, said the church had no desire to be vindictive, but that here was "a larger problem."

Mr. Esty said that failure to speak might have been taken as indicative of approval for the recommended commutation and

that the church did not wish to put itself in that position. He said the church suffered a four hundred thousand dollar loss and that it has been guarded day and night.

"I don't know whether you have ever lived through a reign of terror caused by fires," Mr. Esty said to the committee. He cited a case where a man under mental observation for setting fires touched off one while the observation was in progress.

"A thief is much safer to let out than a pyromaniac," Mr. Esty told the committee. "A murderer, under life sentence, is much safer for release than a pyromaniac."

Lieut. Gov. Hurley said that the Gardner case had been recommended by the state prison warden, the superintendent of the Norfolk prison colony, the commissioner of correction, members of the parole board and John H. Backus, an assistant secretary to the Governor. This was in response to a question by Mr. Esty.

"If he should say: 'I will never drink again, I don't think it would mean anything,'" Mr. Esty said."

Under his present 10 to 12 year sentence, Gardner would not be eligible for parole until October of 1938, Councilor Schuster said.

Councilor Schuster said he thought it proper to raise the question of who advocated Gardner's release. None answered.

Councilor Coakley said only objectors to the commutation had been asked to attend the hearing. Mr. Coakley said he considered Mr. Hoban's line would lead off on a tangent and into politics.

Doubts Cure

Supt. William P. Finneran of the Worcester Detective Bureau said he would term Gardner a pyromaniac and "doubted whether he could ever be cured." He described conditions at the time police were hunting Gardner and said that Gardner confessed to him.

"I wonder if, after a few glasses of beer, he would give way to an impulse to get a thrill," Supt. Finneran said.

He said Gardner, after his confession, guided him to places he had fired and, in the dark, indicated sections of stairways to which he had applied the match.

"I put my flashlight on the stairways," said Supt. Finneran, "and in each case Gardner, in the dark, had indicated the exact spot where they had been fired."

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BAY STATE EXTENDS HOLIDAY GREETINGS

BOSTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Massachusetts will extend holiday greetings from its State House tomorrow for the first time.

Bordered with a garland of evergreens, the sign, to be illuminated at night on the facade of the Capitol building, will say:

"The Commonwealth extends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year—James M. Curley, Governor."

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Reward for Hub Slayers Is Offered

Governor Will Give \$1000
for Arrest of Two Con-
victs Who Killed Walter
Doucette, Prison Guard

BELIEVE PISTOL USED FOUND IN EVERETT

By Gazette State House Reporter
BOSTON, Dec. 24. — A re-
ward of one thousand dollars
was offered today by Governor
Curley for the arrest of Ed-
ward Guaranelli and Antonio
Repucci, who shot and killed
Walter Doucette, State Prison
guard, yesterday while they
were being taken back to the
prison after being in court.

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (INS)—The
service pistol thought to have been
used in the killing of State Prison
Guard Walter Doucette, 45, while
he transferred two convicts from
Dedham Jail, was found today be-
neath a pile of burlap bags in an
Everett barn. Two men were ar-
rested on suspicion of having been
accessories in the escape of the
convicts.

Police declined to reveal the lo-
cation of the barn or where they
obtained information concerning its
whereabouts. Police charged that
Edward Guaranelli, 26, one of the
convicts, entered a cafe where one
of the two suspects worked, gave
him the pistol and asked him to
dispose of it. Antonio Repucci, 25,
alleged to have fired the fatal shot,
also was sought.

The two suspects are employed
in the cafe. Police said the men
denied knowing the two convict-
killers, and declared they came into
the cafe last night, had several
drinks and after they had left, the
pistol was found on a table. Both
the men were under the influence
of liquor, the suspects told police.
The men told police they did not
"want to be mixed up in anything"
and hid the pistol.

Guard Judge's Home

The Brookline home of Judge
Abraham Pinanski was under po-
lice guard. Judge Pinanski added
six months to the terms of the con-
victs.

Prison officials were scored for
allowing two prisoners to be taken
from the prison by only one guard
by Dist. Atty. Edmund R. Dewing
of Norfolk county.

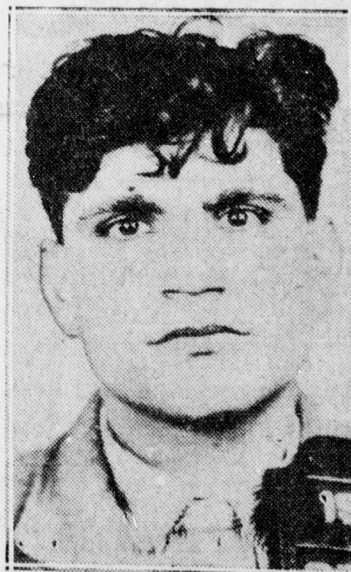
In a deathbed statement, Dou-
cette named Repucci as the man
who fired the fatal shot.



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WALTER DOUCETTE
Slain Prison Guard



FRANK REARDON
Taxi Cab Driver



ANTONIO REPUCCI
Missing Convict



EDWARD GUARANELLI
Missing Convict

Returning to the prison from the
South Station in a taxicab driven
by Frank B. Reardon, the prison-
ers, manacled to each other and to
Doucette, attacked the guard.

"It's all right, don't stop," Dou-
cette gasped to Reardon, who sped
toward the nearest gasoline station
for help.

Doucette drew his gun, which was
knocked from his hands as he fired.
The convicts then wrested the hand-
cuff keys from Doucette and freed
themselves.

Reardon drove the cab to the gas-
oline station adjoining the old Har-
bor Police Station and ran for help.
The three struggling men tumbled
from the cab and a crowd of by-
standers watched what they thought
was a drunken brawl.

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**BELIEVES CONVICTS SERVED
FOOD IN FRAMINGHAM**

FRAMINGHAM, Dec. 24.—John Campbell, a counterman at the Wellworth Restaurant here, told State and local police this morning that he served food to two men who answer in detail the description of the two who shot and killed a State prison guard in Boston last night. Campbell said the two appeared at 6 o'clock, took a seat in a booth and ordered doughnuts and coffee. He noted their appearance and two hours later when he saw the description in the morning papers he said they were the two.

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Briefs

By Telegram State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Governor Curley was suffering from a severe head cold today. He said he had attended a meeting of the Governor's Council against orders of his physician, but intended to go to bed as soon as possible.

The annual message which Governor Curley will submit to the Legislature on Jan. 1 will be 35 pages in length, he said today. It has been practically completed.

Commissioner of Public Works William F. Callahan conferred with Governor Curley today and told him that about five thousand men employed on state sidewalk projects were being paid today and tomorrow.

Distribution of three thousand Christmas baskets, provided through a campaign begun by Governor Curley, were distributed tonight. Each basket contains a full dinner.

A bill providing investigation of casualty insurance and mutual liability insurance companies is asked in two bills filed in the Senate this afternoon by Sen. P. Eugene Casey of Milford.

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**35,000 to Pass Christmas
In State Institutions**

By Gazette State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—State department heads and institutions were today completing their efforts to bring Christmas cheer to the thirty-five thousand persons housed in the prisons, hospitals and other institutions of the state. To patients in state hospitals and children in welfare institutions, Governor Curley has penned a special message that will appear on programs.

"As Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts it is an exceeding pleasure to extend to you and your family sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year.

"I sincerely trust that the program presented this day may bring some measure of joy upon this Christmas day, and that Christmas day in 1936 will find you and your family enjoying health, happiness and all of God's choicest blessings."

Turkey by the ton has been bought for all state institutions, except the penal institutions. The nine hundred or so prisoners at the State Prison will eat roast pork, squash, potato, coffee and mince pie.

The word is out that Santa Claus is under instructions to visit every child in a state institution. Officials asked those who were sending gifts to any institution to have them at the institutions not later than Christmas morning.

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Precedent

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (INS)—For the first time in its colorful history, the State House carried a written greeting to the citizens of the state and visitors today.

"The Commonwealth extends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year—James M. Curley, Governor" appears on a sign decorated with garlands of evergreens and illuminated at night.

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**PROUT TRACK MEET
IN GARDEN, JAN. 25**

The annual William C. Prout Memorial track meet, sponsored by the Massachusetts Knights of Columbus, will be held at the Boston Garden, Jan. 25. There will be six special events, the invitation 50-yard dash, 300-yard run from scratch, William C. Prout Memorial 600-yard run, the Bishop Cheverus 1000-yard invitation, the Leo Larivee special two-mile run, and the K. of C. mile for a trophy donated by Governor Curley.

There will be a new Larivee trophy in the two-mile run, as Joe McCluskey retired the first cup last January. The Holy Cross Club of Boston is presenting the new trophy. There will be another trophy for the "most outstanding athlete" awarded by Pere Marquette Council. Ivan Fuqua, the former Indiana University star, who won the 600 special last year, received the cup for his permanent possession.

Among the colleges which have entered teams are Holy Cross, Tufts, Northeastern, Worcester Tech, Boston College, Massachusetts State, Bates, Maine, Springfield, Tech, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, with others to be heard from. The Sugar Bowl invitation meet next Saturday, in New Orleans, is expected to provide the first line on the season's stars, many of whom will compete in the Prout games.

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FRATERNITY WILL INDUCT GOVERNOR

Theta Kappa Phi National
Convention Opens Friday
at Boston

Gov. James M. Curley, who was made an honorary member of the national college fraternity Theta Kappa Phi last month when Lambda Chapter of the fraternity was installed at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, will be initiated formally at the opening of the 10th national convention Friday evening at the Hotel Manger, Boston.

The conclave, to be opened by His Excellency, will continue Saturday and Sunday at the University of New Hampshire, at Durham, N. H., where Gov. H. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, or his representative, will close the convention.

Friday evening a special degree team, composed of delegates from

chapters of Theta Kappa Phi all over the country, will initiate Governor Curley. There will be a banquet in Boston, at which Governor Curley, Harold B. Finn of New York City, national president of Theta Kappa Phi; Rev. Joseph N. LaRue of Philadelphia, Pa., national spiritual adviser, and other national officers will speak.

Theta Kappa Phi members from Lehigh University, Penn State, Ohio State, University of Illinois, University of New Hampshire, City College of New York, Ohio Northern, Cornell, Temple, Missouri School of Mines, University of Oklahoma and W. P. I., will exemplify the second and third degrees of the fraternity initiation. The Governor will then receive his fraternity pin and certificate of membership.

Lambda Chapter at W. P. I. will have open house Friday at the Worcester chapter house, 5 Hackfeld road, to welcome guests who are traveling to New England for the convention from the South and West. The fraternity men will lunch at Putnam & Thurston's Empire Room, following which there will be a reception. The group will then leave for the evening exercises in Boston.

In places of honor at the national convention will be James J. Shea of Springfield, past president of the Tech Alumni Association; Dr. Carl Fellers of Massachusetts State College, Walter B. Dennen, director of the Worcester Boys' Trade School; Thomas G. Dignan, vice president and general manager of the Worcester Electric Light Co.; Dr. Charles J. Burns and Stanley W. Fillion of the Worcester Tech faculty, who became honorary members of Lambda Chapter at the Worcester installation exercises. Governor Curley was unable to attend last November, when he was in Hawaii.

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A Case for the Psychiatrists

At yesterday's hearing in Boston District Attorney Owen A. Hoban raised the essential question involved in the proposal to commute the sentence of Henry A. Gardner, now serving time for incendiarism. Mr. Hoban believes the man to be a pyromaniac. His suggestion that the prisoner be given exacting tests, to determine his sanity, was adopted.

Psychiatrists will examine the man, before any further action is taken. If he is found insane, a state prison, of course, is not the place for him. It is well that the question of his sanity has been raised. If it had not been, he would have been released, in any event, at the expiration of his sentence.

But, if it should develop that he is suffering from a mental defect, he could not safely be released at any time while that condition existed. Whether the man ought to be in a hospital for the insane, is a question for the experts to answer. But Mr. Hoban has made it plain that the protection of the public is the issue of paramount importance in this case.

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City Man Among Seven Pardoned

By Telegram State House Reporter

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—With Council disagreement manifested in three cases involving men serving life sentences, seven persons were pardoned on parole conditions by the Governor's Council this afternoon, including one from Worcester.

On four cases, where life sentences were not involved, there was no record vote. Although today's cases were first supposed to be on the question of commutation to provide parole eligibility, Secretary William L. Reed of the Council said after the session that all had been pardoned on parole conditions.

A pardon under these conditions went to Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, serving a 15 to 18 year sentence for robbery. With a drinking companion, he was alleged to have stolen \$30 from a friend in whose possession money was later found. He was sentenced in 1928.

In one instance today Lieut. Gov. Joseph L. Hurley, Democrat, who of late has opposed several

Curley recommendations, voted against the recommended clemency.

The seven cases, the first three submitted today, were:

Morris Levine, 67, Holyoke lifer. Killed his wife and was sentenced on Oct. 4, 1928. Health said to be poor.

William C. Henry, Boston, sentenced on June 5, 1934, for larceny of seventeen thousand dollars from the Minot Co-operative Bank. The Governor said bank officials and

district attorney did not object to his release.

Samuel Power, Westfield, sentenced to life imprisonment Feb. 24, 1914 for wife murder.

Wojciech Birusz, Salem, sentenced April 20, 1920, for murder of Mary B. Lavoie.

William Hooper of Lynn, sentenced March 24, 1933, six to seven years, for manslaughter.

Thomas J. Panetta, Cambridge, sentenced June 19, 1929, to 12 to 20 years for manslaughter.

In the Powers case, the Lieutenant Governor and Councilors Winfield A. Schuster of East Douglas and Frank A. Brooks of Watertown voted against a pardon.

Councilors Brooks and Schuster opposed the Levine pardon. They also opposed the Birusz pardon and were joined in their opposition by Councilor Phil J. Russell, Fall River Democrat.

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Governor's Greeting

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (INS)—
"My greeting to the people of the Commonwealth is expressed on the card which I have sent to the four thousand persons who will receive Christmas baskets," Gov. James M. Curley said today.

The cards read: "That Christmas day may be the most happy is the sincere wish of James M. Curley, Governor of Massachusetts."

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TONS OF TURKEY

State Provides Christmas Feasts

Tons of candy, turkey and the fixin's will be used in providing Christmas cheer to approximately 35,000 sick and unfortunate men, women, and children in the various institutions of the state.

The State House itself, will display more than 1000 electric candles, huge illumated wreaths at cupola and over the main gate, and an enormous illumated sign extending the season's greetings of Governor Curley.

Christmas festivities in the various state departments will be dispensed with this year and the money used for exchange of gifts distributed among the needy.

Patients of the state hospitals

and the children of the welfare department will have a special printed message from the governor, reading:

"As Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts it is an exceeding pleasure to extend to you and your family sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year. I sincerely trust that the program presented this day may bring some measure of joy upon this Christmas Day and that Christmas Day in 1936 will find you and your family enjoying health, happiness and all of God's choicest blessings."

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Governor Scorns U. S. Bank Claim

"Unworthy of consideration" was the way Governor Curley replied to the demand of J. F. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency in Washington, that the State further reduce its claim against the closed Federal National Bank.

Pointing out that the State had already reduced its claim to \$900,000, Governor Curley replied to the demand in a stern message.

He said that in the interest of the 30,000 depositors of the Federal National and the 60,000 depositors in closed State banks interested in the claims that "it is unfortunate that you find it necessary to pursue the course which you have seen fit to adopt in this particular case."

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Curley Sends 4000 Baskets to Needy

Governor Curley's Christmas greeting to the people of the Commonwealth is contained in the card enclosed in 4000 baskets he has sent out to needy families. The card reads:

"That Christmas Day may be most happy is the sincere wish of James M. Curley, Governor of Massachusetts."

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\$1000 REWARD FOR CONVICT SLAYERS: DEATH GUN FOUND

**'GET 2 DEAD
OR ALIVE!'
IS ORDER**

*Pictures, other stories on
Pages 2 and 3.*

Offer of \$1000 reward
by the state and the find-
ing of the death gun in
Everett today spurred a
shoot-to-kill man-hunt for

the two convict despera-
does who escaped in North
End last night after mur-
dering a State prison
guard.

The reward was offered in be-
half of the state by Governor
Curley.

The gun, property of the slain
guard, Walter P. Doucette, 43, was
found under strange circumstances
in Everett, home city of the fugi-
tive killers.

Its finding there was proof that
at least one of the fleeing convicts,
Anthony Repucci, 25, and Edward
Gaunelli, 25, had slipped through a
cordon of 100 police searching the
North End.

FUGITIVES SEPARATED

The circumstances associated
with its discovery indicated that
the fugitives had separated.

"Dead or alive," was the word
sent out by Arthur T. Lyman,
state commissioner of correction.

Search centered in Everett fol-
lowing finding of the gun there.
Squads of city and state police also
combed South Medford and the
vicinity of Framingham, where the
fugitives, who were serving 10 to
12 years for a series of Everett
burglaries, were reported this
morning.

Another clue led to a search in
Cranston, R. I., on a "tip" that the
two men were headed there in a
light truck.

Under guard in Everett was As-
sistant District Attorney M. Ed-
ward Viola, who prosecuted the es-
caped prisoners at the time of their
conviction and who was threatened
by one of them, then.

GUN FOUND IN EVERETT

Inspector Edward J. Dunn, of
Everett police, found Doucette's
gun under a pile of burlap bags in
a vacant building in the rear of

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Main street, Everett, building. Dunn was directed to the spot by Abe Itzkowitz, 31, of Main street, Everett, a PWA worker whom he encountered leaving the building.

Suspicious of Itzkowitz's demeanor, Dunn said, he questioned him closely and the young man told him he had hidden the gun and took him to it.

Itzkowitz said the gun was given to him to hide by the proprietor of a restaurant in Everett.

Police took Itzkowitz to this man, who said that at 7:30 last night, Gaunelli came into his store flourishing the gun, ordered him into a phone booth to make a call which was not completed and told him he had just shot a guard.

READY TO "SHOOT IT OUT"

He quoted Gaunelli as saying:

"It will go pretty hard with any cop that gets in my way. I'm ready to shoot it out with any of them."

The man said he quieted Gaunelli, talked to him about the proximity of Christmas and the jobs that police had to do—and that Gaunelli finally gave him the gun and told him to hide it, and left the store. He said he hid the weapon, and gave it to Itzkowitz to dispose of this morning.

The gun was turned over to Boston police and the witness and Itzkowitz came into Boston to confer with authorities here.

The slain guard lived in Columbia road, Dorchester, was the father of six children, who today waited in vain for him to arrive home and trim a Christmas tree.

The convicts attacked him in a taxicab in Commercial street last night while he was returning them to the prison from Dedham court, where they had just been sentenced to six months additional on another break charge. They beat him, took his gun, stole his handcuff keys to free themselves, shot him as they fled in the cab.

The taxi was found abandoned in Battery street, North End. More than 100 police combed the North End district, others guarded the homes of the fugitives in School and Cottage streets, Everett, the home of Viola on High street, Everett, searched the South Medford district.

Another report indicating the pair had slipped through the police cordon, state police searched all highways in the vicinity of Framingham. They placed much credence in the story of a restaurant employee who said the killers were customers at his place at 6:15 a. m. He did not know if they had a car.

Warrants charging Repucci and Gaunelli with murder were issued by Chief Justice Wilfred Bolster in municipal court. District Attorney William J. Foley said the case would be placed before the grand jury immediately after Christmas.

Criticism was directed from several sources at state officials for having sent two dangerous convicts outside the prison with only one guard. Most outspoken in this instance was District Attorney Edmund R. Dewing, of Norfolk County, into whose jurisdiction the men were sent.

Commissioner Lyman, who said this was a custom of long standing which had never previously resulted in trouble, issued orders that henceforth at least two guards

Figures in Guard Slaying



WALTER DOUCETTE



ANTONIO REPUCCI

accompany any convicts taken from the prison. He said a prison van may also be obtained to do away with the custom of transporting prisoners by train and taxi.

DENIES BREAK PLOTTED

Lyman expressed the opinion that the attack on Doucette was not planned in advance of the prisoners' appeal from another conviction which resulted in them being taken outside the prison walls.

Whether a guard is handcuffed to his prisoners is a matter of his own choice.

Placing a guard over the three Everett homes, Police Chief John O. Kenney warned all members of the department that the fugitives are desperate men, and that Repucci may be the most dangerous criminal at large anywhere. Repucci once beat an Everett woman so badly she nearly died, when she surprised him during a burglary.

Patrol cars were parked in front of the homes of the convicts.

Assistant District Attorney Viola was guarded because Repucci, during a recess before the end of the trial of the pair, swore at him and threatened:

"We'll take care of you when we get out."

State police joined the search for the killers this morning when a Framingham restaurant worker notified them he was certain the fleeing convicts were in his cafe at 6:15.

District Attorney Dewing, criticizing state officials for sending the convicts from the prison to court with a lone guard said he had never heard of such a procedure.

"I never heard of such a thing," Dewing declared to the Boston Evening American today. "I don't know why they should send only one guard with two such men."

"And why, in the name of common sense, do they adopt the extremely dangerous policy of letting them out in public in taxicabs and trains?"



EDWARD GAUNELLI

"In Norfolk County we never send out even one prisoner without at least two or three guards. And such prisoners are sent out only in private automobiles where the chances of escape are practically nil."

Guard Doucette, seriously wounded in the abdomen, died early today at City Hospital as his wife, Mrs. Mary Doucette, sobbed at his bedside and six children waited vainly at their home in Columbia road, Dorchester, for their father to come home for Christmas.

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THE SENATOR SAYS:

Christmas Punch Of Foley Makes 'Em Groggy

*Millen Reward May Steal
Spotlight From 'Friends'
of Teachers*

THE SENATOR:

He sees all and knows all that's going on in Massachusetts politics and most of it he finds amusing or amazing, often both. Best of all, he tells about it.

Meet him below and listen in with him regularly in the Boston Evening American and Boston Sunday Advertiser.

"I will have a bit of the Christmas punch, Timmy," says The Senator, parking several bundles on an empty stool.

This is the punch that Timmy always has the day before Christmas which he mixes himself and nobody ever knows what is in it, not even Timmy, because he samples while mixing, only it has more authority than a small town cop on a heavy-traffic Sunday.



THE SENATOR

take a running jump in the lake. The stories of the three should be very interesting if they come out."

The Senator unwraps one of his bundles and what is it but one of those big rubber balloon men that you blow up and they stand on cardboard feet. The Senator gives several big puffs into

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the thing but he does not have much luck, so he sips his punch and tries it again. The Senator puffs himself very red but only the head fills out. So everybody gives The Senator a hand at puffing up the rubber balloon man and after a lot of puffing, with everybody nearly exhausted, there is the rubber man standing on his cardboard feet and swaying back and forth.

Very Unsteady on His Feet

"The rubber man is very unsteady on his feet, Timmy," says The Senator.

"Senator," says Timmy, "that is because of all those breaths that have been puffed into him, and I am surprised that he is able to stand up even . . . Let us all have another punch."

"Did I tell you the story about the trained cigarette butts, Timmy?" asks The Senator. "It seems that one member of the school committee became suspicious at finding evidence every morning that somebody had been occupying his office at night. He ordered an employe to have the lock changed. Well, the next morning after the lock was changed he found 14 cigarette butts lined up like soldiers on the window sill and he called in the employe who had changed the lock. 'How do you account for these?' the school committee member asked. The man who had the lock changed, scratched his head and looked at the butts and out the window. 'I see it now,' he said, 'they are snapping them over from the building next door.'"

"This is a very much appreciated joke at the Parker House. I had lunch there today with Mike Ward, Max Glazer, Judge Brogna, Judge Charlie Brown and Eddie Brandon. Eddie is somewhat concerned about the whereabouts of his yacht which he is trying to find. He was so busy when it come time to put the boat up for the winter that he had a friend do it. The friend told him where he had the boat hauled out, then sailed abroad. And Eddie forgot where he told him . . . I will have some more of the Joe Louis punch, Timmy."

Gets the Leg—But How!

"Senator," says Timmy, putting in the small rib, "I see the governor's council did not send Howard Murphy back on the range like you sang in the song. The paper says he is confirmed as agriculture commissioner and you said he would get the leg."

"He got the leg, Timmy," says the Senator, "only the leg was in a Christmas stocking."

The rubber balloon man has stopped rocking but somebody blows at him and he begins rocking again.

"The big mistake of the week," says The Senator, "is the assignments for the forum they are having at the Manor House next Sunday. Joe Warner, the former attorney-general who would like to be governor, will represent the Republicans, State Auditor Tom Buckley will represent the Democrats and Alfred Baker Lewis will represent the Socialist party."

"Somebody has assigned Tom Buckley to defend the Raw Deal which is very amusing, because he is the one who is pointing out that the Raw Deal has failed in the relief work and that is the only work that the Raw Deal has undertaken. What they should do is have Mr. Lewis of the Socialists defend the Raw Deal."

The Senator gathers up his bundles and starts for the door.

"Hey, Senator," yelled Timmy, "you are forgetting the rubber balloon man."

"Timmy," says The Senator, "I am afraid to deflate the rubber balloon man because of the Christmas punch. Merry Christmas, boys!"

"The same," everybody yells—"on you, Senator, and many of them!"

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GIRL ABOUT TOWN

By Marjorie McBride

In the forty-two years he's been head waiter at the Parker House, S. M. Hoxter has observed a deplorable falling off in the appetites of "the quality" who fringed his tables. There were eaters who WERE eaters when he was young.

Here's a typical Christmas dinner menu at the famous hotel when he was just winning his stripes: Bread and butter . . . Oysters . . . Mock turtle soup mixed with tomato soup . . . Baked chicken halibut with Point Shirley sauce . . . Roast turkey with chestnut dressing and cranberry sauce . . . or, Native duck with Shaker apple sauce . . . Whole potatoes, boiled MARJORIE McBRIDE onions and marrow squash . . . Pickled walnuts and relish . . . Mince pie and pumpkin, Vermicelli pudding, rum sauce . . . Apples, oranges, shell-barks . . . Coffee . . . Brandy of 1810. The charge was \$1.50. The menu tailed off with the announcement: "Gentlemen are requested not to fee the Waiters as they are paid by the Proprietors."

Guests at Christmas dinners have included Governors Curtis Guild, William L. Douglas, William E. Russell, Frederick T. Greenhalge. Also Richard Olney, Martin Lomasney and Mayor Thomas Hart.

Governor Curley, a chief executive in the hearty old tradition, often lunches and dines at the hostelry, which is now eighty-one years old.



Advice to the Lovelorn Or the Socially Flustered

Even Boston socialites, with their ingrained traditions, sometimes have need of a social consultant. He is Charles Elmer Alexander, with an apartment on Marlboro street. Mr. Alexander is strictly an amateur. Flustered ladies ask him about things to wear, whom to invite, what guest to lionize. For thirty-six years, he was society editor of the Evening Transcript.

Now that the old year's dying, it might be pertinent to record personal impressions, and memories. For instance:

Best human interest story: Alyce Jane McHenry's upside-down-stomach . . . Longest run movie: "Top Hat," at Keith's Memorial . . . longest stage run: "Three Men on a Horse," at the Plymouth . . . Funniest boy-meets-girl comedy: Mr. Barrymore and Elaine Barrie, not long ago of Boston . . .

Nice, too, to know that the old year was on the up-grade. Auto sales increased by more than five thousand passenger cars in greater Boston . . . Christmas savings increased by one million dollars . . . and there were three more debutantes than last year!

Mayor's Wife Prefers Quiet Places to Dine

When Mrs. Frederick W. Mansfield, the mayor's wife, dines out, she likes the quiet, leisurely places, hushed service, discreetly muffled music. When she's on a shopping expedition, however, she joins the rush toward the nearest counter place, where the motto is plain fare, while you wait. She is partial to chicken-pie.

If you plan to "say it with flowers" this holiday season, simple bouquets are best. Even single blossoms.

Experts at Galvin's and Penn's agree that a corsage consisting of a lone perfect orchid or gardenia is in the best of taste, and most acceptable to young ladies. Corsages are for special occasions but at home most women prefer cut flowers. Don't surround the blooms with ferns. Or try to get in all the colors of the rainbow.

Florists say violets are back in fashion, and sweet peas have a following. Salesmen warn hesitating swains that if the young lady doesn't receive many flowers, it is proper to discover her favorite. If she's showered with them, send her some new variety of blossom.

Takes His Alarm Clock Everywhere He Goes

People at an all-night movie were roused from their reveries the other night when an alarm clock went off. The owner jumped up, pulled it out of his pocket, looked at the time, and dashed into the gloom, muttering something about getting to work on time.

"Red Sails in the Sunset" is the dancing hit of the moment, according to Johnny Doherty, singing pianist of the Hotel Lennox's Blue Train Lounge. Might also record the fact, right here, that William Snierson, new band master at the Brunswick Casino, is a lawyer in the daytime.

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12:45	Cabot-DeLome Hour ...	Five-Star Jones	"Frichino's Adven." ..	Mirror Reflections ...	Lou Clark's Music....	12:45			
1:00	Cabot-DeLome Hour ...	The Voice of Boston ..	Musical Program	Musical Mailbox	Ted Sand's Music....	1:00			
1:15	Sammy Khome Hour ...	George Hall's Music..	Musical Program	Musical Mailbox	Ted Sand's Music....	1:15			
1:30	Health R Agriculture ...	News	"Palloncino's Adven." ..	Trinity Church Choir..	Jack Cameron's Music	1:30			
1:45	Music Gt Reveries	M. Young, dramatics ..	Radio Gossip Club	Trinity Church Choir..	Ben Hoffman's Music .	1:45			
2:00	Food Int.....	Recordings	Between Bookends ..	Christmas in Norway..	Ted Crowley's Music..	2:00			
2:15	Sons of I Forbes, Songs	Recordings	Happy Hollow, Drama .	Flower Tudor, Songs..	Don Humbert's Music .	2:15			
2:30	Kitchen Forum	Chansonette	Mixed Quartet	New York Choir.....	C. Terris' Music.....	2:30			
2:45	Kitchen Forum	Chansonette	News	New York Choir.....	Crawford Church Choir	2:45			
3:00	Fred Wat Revell	N. E. Conservatory..	Town Topics, L. Long	Fed. of Music Clubs..	Crawford Church Choir	3:00			
3:15	Ma Perkinque Xmas Pro.	N. E. Conservatory..	Town Topics, L. Long	Fed. of Music Clubs..	Norma Scott, Songs...	3:15			
3:30	Vic and Paris, France..	Yankee Singers	Town Topics, L. Long	Roy Frazee, Organ....	Tea Time Concert	3:30			
3:45	The O'NeParis, France..	Story Teller's House.	Town Topics, L. Long	Junior Literary Guild..	Tea Time Concert	3:45			
4:00	Stock Quand Bob	String Quartet	L. Taylor, Songs.....	Today's Winners	B. Brown's Music.....	4:00			
4:15	Musical Talk	String Quartet	F. Cronin, Organ.....	Today's Winners	Fisherman's Broadcast	4:15			
4:30	Girl Along Hour	Xmas Trees, Reindeer	Secret Agent X-9.....	Today's Winners	Musical Interlude	4:30			
4:45	Women's t Hour	Flash Gordon	Secret Agent X-9.....	Today's Winners	Knox Manning	4:45			
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5:45	Clara, Lu	Dick Tracy	Hits and Encores	Concert Ensemble	B. U. Augmented Chorus	5:45			
6:00	"Tattler" Show	News	Sketch	Al Pieretti, sports ...	Tales of Old Boston..	6:00			
6:15	Musical Tnvitation"	Colonel Bob, Sports.	News of Youth.....	Italian Program	Jim McHale's Music...	6:15			
6:30	Better H Dodd, Songs ..	Musicalities	Racing Results	WMEX Program		6:30			
6:45	Variety P Thomas	Donald and Francine..	News	WMEX Program		6:45			
7:00	Amos 'n' Aces	Myrt and Marge.....	Amateur Program	Jewish Program		7:00			
7:15	"Popeye" Devon, England	J. Farrell, Songs....	Amateur Program	Ital. Journal of Air...		7:15			
7:30	After Dinnd Abner.....	Kate Smith	Amateur Program	Movie Mirror Revue...		7:30			
7:45	Strange Century Ideas..	Boake Carter	Amateur Program	Movie Mirror Revue...		7:45			
8:00	Leo ReissClues	Lavender-Old Lace...	Amateur Program	Songs and Patter.....		8:00			
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9:00	N. T. G. aernie's Music..	Glen Gray's Music...	P. Stevens' Music	Happy Jack Smith....		9:00			
9:15	N. T. G. aernie's Music..	Glen Gray's Music...	News	"Good Will on Earth".		9:15			
9:30	"Jumbo" Hayes	Fred Waring's Music.	Cy Delman's Music....	"Good Will on Earth".		9:30			
9:45	"Jumbo" Hayes	Fred Waring's Music.	Eddy Brown, Violin...	Piano Duo		9:45			
10:00	Romberg El Hall	Fred Waring's Music.	Eddy Brown, Violin...	"Christmas, 1917"					
10:15	Romberg F Hill Carols...	Fred Waring's Music.	Upton Close	"Christmas, 1917"					
10:30	J. Reichm Players	Dramatization	R. Thompkin's Music..	D. Gilberto's Music....					
10:45	J. Reichm Players	Spotlight Revue	Poet's Gold	D. Gilberto's Music....					
11:00	Weather Rr Report	News	To Be Announced....	Organ Music					
11:15	Musical Then and Tinsel	R. Thompkin's Music	A Visit From St. Nick.	Melody Singer					
11:30	Woodwind een and Tinsel	Anson Weeks' Music	A Fable in Bethlehem.	"The Nativity"					
11:45	Star of Bed MacHugh ...	Jimmy Joy's Music..	A Fable in Bethlehem.	"The Nativity"					
12:00	Christmas or, Violinist ..	Midnight Mass	Christmas Carols						
12:15	Christmas oble's Music...	Midnight Mass	Christmas Carols						
12:30	Earl Hineshin's Music...	Midnight Mass	Christmas Carols						

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1:15	Sammy Kay's Music...	Farm-Home Hour ...	George Hall's Music...	Musical Program	Musical Mailbox	Ted Sand's Music.....	1:15				
1:30	Health Review	N. E. Agriculture ...	News	"Palloncino's Adven." ..	Trinity Church Choir..	Jack Cameron's Music	1:30				
1:45	Music Guild	Organ Reveries	M. Young, dramatics	Radio Gossip Club	Trinity Church Choir..	Ben Hoffman's Music .	1:45				
2:00	Food Institute	Recordings	Between Bookends ..	Christmas in Norway..	Ted Crowley's Music..	2:00				
2:15	Sons of Union Vets..	Marla Forbes, Songs	Recordings	Happy Hollow, Drama .	Flower Tudor, Songs..	Don Humbert's Music .	2:15				
2:30	Kitchen of the Air..	Home Forum	Chansonette	Mixed Quartet	New York Choir.....	C. Terris' Music.....	2:30				
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3:00	Fred Wade, Tenor...	Nellie Revell	N. E. Conservatory..	Town Topics, L. Long	Fed. of Music Clubs..	Crawford Church Choir	3:00				
3:15	Ma Perkins	Jr. League Xmas Pro.	N. E. Conservatory..	Town Topics, L. Long	Fed. of Music Clubs..	Norma Scott, Songs...	3:15				
3:30	Vic and Sade	From Paris, France..	Yankee Singers	Town Topics, L. Long.	Roy Frazee, Organ....	Tea Time Concert	3:30				
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12:00	Christmas Carols ...	Shandor, Violinist ..	Midnight Mass	Christmas Carols	12:00				
12:15	Christmas Carols ...	Ray Noble's Music...	Midnight Mass	Christmas Carols	12:15				
12:30	Earl Hines' Music...	E. Duchin's Music...	Midnight Mass	Christmas Carols	"Five Star Final" drama at 8:15.	12:30				

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CURLEY ACTS IN KILLING OF GUARD

Gun Used in Slaying Found Near Homes of Pair in Everett

Gov James M. Curley today offered a reward of \$1000 on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the apprehension of Edward Guarnelli and Antonio Repucci, State Prison inmates, who last night shot and killed Walter Doucette, State Prison guard, while effecting their escape from the guard's custody.

The Governor announced the offer of the reward, with the following statement:

"Under authority of Chapter 276 of the General Laws, His Excellency the Governor today offered a reward of \$1000 for the apprehension of Edward Guarnelli and Antonio Repucci, who escaped from the custody of an officer of the Department of Correction, Walter R. Doucette, and who, in so escaping, were responsible for his death."

Gun Found in Everett

The gun with which Doucette was slain was found shortly after 9 o'clock this morning near 97 Main st, Everett, only a short distance from the homes of the two escaped Everett convicts.

An inspector of the Everett Police Department said this noon that the gun had been positively identified as that wrested from Doucette late yesterday afternoon when the two convicts overpowered him.

While police were combing the alleys and streets of the North End, carrying machine guns and tear bombs, it is believed that the two youths, hatless, but clad in business suits which they had been allowed to wear for their appearance at Dedham Court, were calmly riding to the North Station, where they transferred to an Everett-bound Elevated train, and took a surface car to the vicinity of their homes. They are believed to have robbed Doucette of coins, with which they paid their fare.

The gun was found on Main st, Everett, a block from Repucci's home. The dying words of guard

Everett man, who, it is thought, may be of material assistance in locating the missing convicts.

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In Everett After Escape

Everett police learned early today that Guarnelli was in Everett last night.

Hangers-on at an Everett cafe said that he visited the cafe soon after his escape, ate a luncheon hastily and then borrowed money with which to buy carfare away from this locality. It also was said that he had given the revolver with which Doucette was shot to an acquaintance, asking that person to hide the weapon until he called for it.

At that hour news of the escape and shooting of Doucette had not reached Everett and it was presumed his freedom from prison was legitimately obtained. Soon after, when it was learned that Doucette

had been shot and the two prisoners had escaped, there began to be considerable whispered gossip about Guarnelli's visit to Everett. News reached the police and Inspectors Edward J. Dunn and Thomas F. McEleney started an investigation.

The two detectives put pressure on the hangers-on at the cafe and they finally came through with the story of Guarnelli's visit. The officers finally obtained information concerning the hiding place of the gun and the names of the persons who saw and talked with Guarnelli. They got possession of the gun and took it to Police Headquarters.

To Question Two Men

Capt John J. Mullen of Station 1, Boston police, went to Everett this noon and brought back to Headquarters for questioning two men.

One is said to be a bartender on Main st, Everett, in whose care the gun was left, and the other to be a friend to whom he passed the gun for safe-keeping.

Sergt-Ballistician Edward J. Seibolt of the Boston police also went to Everett, and took charge of the revolver, which he identified as that with which guard Doucette was slain and the service gun which the guard had been carrying when attacked by Repucci and Guarnelli.

Guard Attorney's Home

Repucci, who was sentenced to State Prison from the Middlesex Criminal Court, threatened at the time of his conviction to "get" Asst Dist Atty M. Edward Viola, who prosecuted his case.

As a result a guard has been set around Dist Atty Viola's home at 44 High st, Everett.

Repucci is said to have sent a threatening note to Asst Dist Atty Viola at the time of his trial, uttering the threat to "get you when I get out."

Framingham Tip

State police of the Framingham barracks instituted a widespread search today for Repucci and Guarnelli, following reports that two men answering the description of the pair had been seen in a restaurant in Framingham early this morning.

John Campbell, counter man in a Framingham lunch room, said that the two men ordered doughnuts and coffee. Campbell had not read of the escape at the time, but noticed that the pair acted in a furtive and suspicious manner.

Declining to sit at the counter, they took seats in a booth, bolted their food and departed hastily. They were gone only a quarter of an hour when Campbell picked up a newspaper and saw the resemblance between the photographs of the escaped convicts and the two suspicious customers.

Campbell notified police. He said he did not observe whether the men had an automobile and did not know in what direction they went after leaving the restaurant.

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Escaped Convicts and Their Descriptions



ANTONIO, REPUCCI, at Left—25 years old, five feet, nine inches tall, 185 pounds, stocky build, dark complexion, black hair. He was clothed in a dark blue suit with gray stripe, light tan shirt, gray overcoat and wore high black shoes.

EDWARD GUARNELLI, at Right—26 years old, five feet, five and one-half inches tall, 152 pounds, medium build, black hair. He wore a blue suit with gray stripes, gray overcoat, white shirt with collar attached and high black shoes.

Murder Warrants

While police in Boston and surrounding communities were searching for the two convicts warrants were obtained in Municipal Court charging the two with murder.

After obtaining the murder warrants from Chief Justice Wilfred Bolster at Municipal Court, special officers Hazen Chalmers and Robert Bowes conferred with Dist Atty William J. Foley.

The latter announced that he would not wait for lower court action, but would seek murder indictments before the Grand Jury next Monday.

Everett police are maintaining a guard over the homes of both men in case they should try to reach them, and the Boston police are searching the North End, where the two disappeared after abandoning the taxicab in which the guard was shot, on Battery st, after it collided with the car of Frank Willey, proprietor of an express company Commercial st.

Seize Guard's Revolver

The two prisoners had been sent from Charlestown State Prison to Dedham to appear in court in connection with an appeal they had taken from a six months' sentence for a burglary in Brookline. The appeal was refused, and the pair were en route back to the prison in charge of Doucette, who was a veteran prison guard and father of six children.

Handcuffs linked the two convicts and fastened Repucci, to guard Doucette as they rode in the train from Dedham to South Station and then entered a taxicab driven by Frank B. Reardon, 10 Rosario st, Dorchester, a driver for the City Taxicab Company.

Driving along Atlantic av, the two convicts ganged up on Doucette, got him on the floor of the cab and wrested his revolver from him. They also secured the key to the handcuffs from his pocket and freed themselves.

The taxicab driver, hearing the fight, drove to the nearest gas station at 529 Commercial st to summon aid.

Doucette struggled with the convicts a moment longer, and then collapsed, mortally wounded with a bullet through his abdomen, fired from his own gun by one of the desperate convicts.

Rapucci and Guarnerelli then drove off in the taxicab.

Both convicts were in civilian clothes, which they had been allowed to put on before they left State Prison for their appearance in Dedham Court before Judge Abraham E. Pinanski. They abandoned the caps they were wearing, leaving them on the floor of the cab they stole.

Doucette's death is the second among State Prison employes this month, the other being that of Lewis D. Richards, State Prison chauffeur slain in the outbreak at State Prison two weeks ago.

DEDHAM, Dec 24—An act of kindness by Walter R. Doucette to the men whose escape from custody later resulted in his death was told today at the Courthouse. While Antonio Repucci and Edward Guarnerelli were awaiting sentence by Judge Abraham E. Pinanski they complained to their guard that they were hungry.

Doucette, leaving the men in the custody of a court official, walked down the street, bought two sandwiches with his own money and took them back to the prisoners. The men ate the sandwiches with relish.

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HILL, COMMON AWAIT THRONGS

Nativity Pageant Tonight at Parkman Bandstand

Against a background of window candles and decorated evergreen radiating the joy and good cheer of Yuletide, Boston will celebrate tonight with a Christmas Eve observance marked by carol singing on Beacon Hill, special services in churches and a long and diversified municipal celebration on the Common.

"Open house" will rule on the hill and thousands will stroll the Mt Vernon-st district, listening to the scores of carol groups, bell ringers and soloists who will be there for this famed Boston tradition.

It may be a "white Christmas," after all, despite the failure of yesterday's predicted snowfall to arrive. The weather man last night said that "snow flurries may be expected in Boston for Tuesday." Christmas Day, he said, will be fair, with moderate northerly winds. It will be colder tonight.

City Program 5 P M to 12

Centered at the Parkman Bandstand on the Common, Boston's 23d municipal observance of Christmas Eve will be continuous from 5 p m until midnight.

Besides the singing of familiar carols by the assembled men, women and children and also by trained singing groups to come from various parts of the city, and the band program from 7:45 to 9 p m, the official committee of the Citizens' Public Celebration Association has taken special pains to insure a colorful as well as seriously interesting reenactment, true to the central meaning of Christmas, of the Biblical story of the birth of Jesus, in a series of "nativity tableaux" with pageantry aspects, by specially selected men and women actors and with lighting and scenic effects.

Each group picture will have fitting music by a professional chorus. This feature will take place from 9 to 10 and will occupy the full hour.

The final scene will be made realistic by the actual arrival of the "three wise men," attracted by the strange star in the sky, who travel to Bethlehem. In picturesque garb of the Ori-

ent the "Three Kings" will bring gifts across the Common of 1935. They will approach the crib and lay down their presents, thus concluding the story as the Narrator and the several tableaux have traced it; and this feature will come to a climax as all the assembled people join in the hymn, "Joy to the World."

The Program

The program for the hour is as follows:

Announcements by trumpeters and the narrator.
Chorus: Joyeux Noel.
The Annunciation, first tableaux.
Chorus: Ave Maria.
Meeting of the Shepherds, tableaux.
Chorus: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.
O Little Town of Bethlehem.
Adoration of the Infant, tableaux.
Chorus: O Holy Night.
The Three Kings at the Manger.
Joy to the World.

Prior to the costumed story of the Nativity, an hour from 7:45 p m will be devoted to music by a band, singing by various visiting groups of vocalists, the singing of "Silent Night," "Hark the Angels Sing" and other always favorite carols by the gathered people, with a song leader.

After the series of tableaux, carol singing by the people and by choruses will continue from 10 to midnight, with constantly changing features and audience. Groups that visit Beacon Hill area this evening have been invited to pause on their way going or coming to participate in the official observance at the municipal tree, as some of them did last year.

At intervals in the evening there will be a special lighting in many colors of the fountain at the Frog Pond.

Beside the familiar carols of the season, the committee expects a Polish group to present their homeland season's music in that language, another group of descendants of Ukrainian parents, a third of Germans, another of French people, and a Negro chorus to sing spirituals.

Special Church Service

Special services will be held in many of the Greater Boston churches. Carol singing will be a large part of these services.

At the Cathedral Church of St Paul the Christmas Eve observance will not end until midnight, when Holy Communion will be celebrated, with an address by Canon Cornelius Trowbridge.

The Christmas festival in Trinity Church will begin at 3:30 p m today with the annual service for children, the program including a tableau of the Holy Family with the traditional shepherds and wise men, a Christmas tree, special carols, the offering of gifts, and "pound packages" to be given to Trinity Home. There will be a brief address by the rector, Rev Dr Arthur Lee Kinsolving.

At 7:30 p m there will be a "service of solemn beauty," with a candlelight procession and carol singing by the full choir. Dr Kinsolving will be the preacher. On Christmas Day there will be a celebration of holy communion at 8 and 11 a m, with an address by the rector at the second service.

Christmas Eve will be observed at the Church of the Advent traditionally with a service of solemn evensong at 8 p m, with carols, a procession, and a Te Deum. Parishioners will be admitted by cards until 7:30 when the remaining seats will be thrown open to the public. On Christmas Day there will be early masses at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock, with matins at 10, and a procession, high mass and sermon at 10:30 by the rector, Rev Benjamin I. Harrison. The children's carol service and festival will take place Friday, at 4 p m.

At Emmanuel Church

Christmas Eve services at Emmanuel Church will start with a Christmas mystery play to be presented by members of the church school in Lindsay chapel, led by the younger boys in the choir, this afternoon. Tonight the young people of the Emmanuel Club will sing carols at the local hospitals, beginning at 6:30 p m, returning to the church at 8 p m and then going up on Beacon Hill.

At 10:30 p m there will be a half-hour of music on the organ, violin and harp by Albert W. Snow and Mr and Mrs Carlos Pinfield. A service of holy communion will begin at 11 p m, at which time the rector, Rev Dr Phillips Endecott Osgood, will preach. Christmas Day will be observed by a service of holy communion at 8 a m and a festival service of holy communion at 11, with a Christmas message from the rector.

Bishop Samuel Gavitt Babcock will also be preaching on Christmas Day in Christ Church (Old North) on Salem st. The service will begin at 10:45 a m, conducted by the rector, Rev Francis E. Webster.

Another largely attended Christmas Eve service will be that at 8 at the Church of St John the Evangelist on Bowdoin st. The mixed choir of 35 singers will be under the direction of Everett Titcomb, the organist and choirmaster, with Miss Elizabeth Allen as harpist.

Rev Spence Burton, S. S. J. E., will make a brief address, but the service will consist largely of carols, ending with the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. High mass will be celebrated at midnight, without an address, and at 9:30 a m on Christmas morning.

In Christ Church, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve, three dramatic Nativity episodes, "Born in Bethlehem," written by Francis X. Talbot, S. J., will be enacted at 4:30 p m by 25 children of the church school. Charles MacFarland, winner of the dramatic scholarship given annually by the Academy of Music, will play the major role of St Joseph. Miss Carolyn Wicker will also take a leading part. Both are recent graduates of the church school. Mrs Arthur F. Musgrave will direct the pageant and Miss Bessie Beard is in charge of costumes.

A midnight service will also be held in the church beginning at 11 p m and continuing through midnight. A half-hour of carol singing from the gallery will precede special music sung by the choir. On Christmas Day four services of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the morning at 7:30, 8:30 (St John's Chapel), 9:30 and 11 a m. Rev C. Leslie Glenn will preach at the last service.

The third annual Christmas candlelight service of the First Methodist Church of Everett conducted by the minister, Rev James G. Lane, will take place at 6 a m Christmas morning, beginning with a prelude of Christmas carols played by trumpeters John Westlake and David Walker, at 5:30.

A "service of adoration" will follow, during which Dr Elias Sawabini of Brookline, a native of Jerusalem, and his two daughters dressed in costume of the women of Bethlehem, will appear in a nativity scene presented within the chancel of the church. The offering will be brought to the manger by three Magi in proper costumes, bringing gifts of "gold, frankincense and myrrh," and the members of the congregation will follow them, laying their offerings

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personally at the feet of the Christ Child.

Old South Church Program

There will be "a service of song and devotion" in Gordon Chapel of Old South Church tomorrow at 7 a m. The minister, Rev Dr Russell Henry Stafford, will lead in a brief devotion, and there will be music by the full choir of the church and by a choir of children.

In Union Congregational Church on Columbus av there will also be a "service of devotion" at 7 a m on Christmas Day, in which the minister, Rev Dr Dwight Bradley, will officiate and preach. The three choirs of the church will join in the musical program.

Tonight in the First Parish Church of Jamaica Plain the church will be open from 4 until 10:30 p m, that visitors may see the Christmas creche representing the nativity. At 4:30 carols will be sung by the junior choir, and from 9 to 10 p m carols will be played on the organ by Grant Drake.

Gov Curley announced yesterday afternoon that two-thirds of the requests for Christmas baskets that had been made to the Governor's office have already been provided for and the Governor was confident that he would be able to see that all requests would be met.

He said that 3000 families will receive Christmas baskets from the contributions made by the Governor and his friends.

Approximately 7000 requests for baskets poured into the executive offices and these were sifted down by checking with other relief agencies to approximately 3000, the Governor said.

"It's been a difficult job getting this thing taken care of at \$3 a basket," the Governor remarked. "I don't think I want to play Santa Claus for the whole state again."

2100 Baskets From Sallies

Twenty-one hundred of Boston's neediest families today will receive baskets of food from the Salvation Army. Mayor Mansfield will present the first dinner box at 10 a m from the Army's headquarters at 1522 Washington st. Other distributions will be made at 42 Saratoga st, East

Boston; 246 Hanover st, 55 Cambridge st and 23 Vernon st.

The Good Samaritan Army of America will distribute dinners today to 500 persons.

Twenty-five Christmas baskets for needy families have been filled and delivered by the Girls' High School Annex on Massachusetts av. Each one of the 16 classes volunteered to fill one basket, but so generous were the girls that 25 baskets were arranged.

This work, supervised by Miss Elizabeth Chase, was carried out by Miss Alice Sullivan, Miss Eveline Cook, Miss Louise Fielding and Mark Crehan.

C. C. C. Gives Leave to 1400

Special Christmas leaves of absence with pay have been granted to 1400 youths of the Civilian Conservation Corps stationed in New England camps. The remaining 14,000 C. C. C members in New England will have five days leave at New Year's.

A chorus of 250 professional voices will sing carols tonight from the steps of the Boston Public Library, under the auspices of the Works Progress Administration. Hymn books will be

provided for the public. An octet of brass will play Christmas selections between the carols.

Scores of newsboys will take part in the Christmas Eve festivities on Beacon Hill tonight. For many days a chorus of youthful street merchants has been practicing a program of carols which will be sung while touring the Hill and also at the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library and at the Burroughs Newsboys Foundation, where open house will be held for all members and friends of the organization. The chorus will be accompanied with newsboy trumpeters and violinists.

A special program of choral and orchestral music has been arranged, and refreshments will be served at the Foundation.

"El" to Give Extra Service

Additional and late service on surface cars and motor coach lines will be provided tonight by the Boston Elevated to take care of the late traffic and the attendants at midnight church services.

On the main line Elevated and the Cambridge-Dorchester Tunnel the last trains will leave the Winter, Summer and Washington-Under stations at the usual time, namely, 1:15 a m.

The last train southbound will leave Dover-st station at 1:22 a m and the last train northbound will leave the North Station at the same time. The East Boston Tunnel service will be operated all night, as usual.

Surface car and motor coach service will be operated at terminals to meet the last trains. After the closing of the rapid transit stations, extra car and motor coach service will be furnished to take care of late riders going to and returning from church services.

Provision for transportation of worshippers at late services at churches with the city proper include:

St Mary's Church, Endicott St.—Cars will be run on North Washington st. At Cooper st, at close of the services, for the following points: Clarendon Hill via Bunker Hill st, Charlestown; Salem st, via Bunker Hill st and Winter Hill.

Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Washington St.—Cars will be on Washington st at Malden st at the close of the services for the following points: Ashmont via Warren st, Washington st and Codman sq; Fields Corner via Uphams Corner, Meeting House Hill and Geneva av.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Harrison Av.—Cars to be at Concord and Washington sts at the close of the services for the following points: City Point via Southampton st; Ashmont via Washington st, Warren st, Codman sq; two Fields Corner cars via Washington, Dudley, Meeting House Hill, Geneva av.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Shawmut Av.—Two cars will be on Dover st at Harrison av at 1:05 a m for the following points: Charles River Bridge via Washington st, Guild row, Center st, Jamaica Plain; Dedham line via Washington st.

St Stephen's Church, Hanover St.—Coach between Haymarket sq and St Stephen's Church from 11:20 p m to close of service. Extra service will be operated to care for church services in local communities.

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BISHOP, PRIEST HONOR CURLEY

Fr Coughlin Sends Greeting, Syrian Prelate Calls

Gov James M. Curley today made public a letter of Christmas greeting which he received today from Fr Charles E. Coughlin, radio priest of Michigan. Fr Coughlin's letter follows:

"My dear Gov Jim:

"May I intrude upon you for a moment to wish you and your loved ones a holy and happy Christmas.

"May the child Jesus bless you and love you now and forever. Cordially yours,

Charles E. Coughlin."

Archbishop Theodosios of the Syrian archdiocese in America, Metropolitan of Tyre and Sidon and legate of the Apostolic Patriarchate of Antioch in America, called on Gov Curley at the State House with a delegation of Syrian Church officials.

They bore the good wishes of the Syrian Church to the Governor, Archbishop Basil M. Kirb'ys of Brooklyn, N Y, acted as interpreter for the archbishop.

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BOYS INITIATING CURLEY DEC 27

Governor to Be Member of Theta Kappa Phi

WORCESTER, Dec 24 (A P)—Gov Curley will become a member of Theta Kappa Phi, Catholic college fraternity, Dec 27. Lambda Chapter at Worcester Polytechnic Institute announced today.

The Governor, upon whom honorary membership was conferred Nov 9, will be initiated at the opening of the 10th national convention of the fraternity in Boston.

Senator Walsh and United States Representative Joseph E. Casey of Clinton, who also are honorary members, will be initiated on a later date, the fraternity announced.

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PARDONED MEN AT STATE HOUSE

SIX, 2 LIFERS VISIT CURLEY

Governor Says Obey Law and Be Safe

Six men, two of them lifers, pardoned Monday by Gov Curley and Council, and released from State Prison today, were at the State House this noon, where Gov Curley spoke words of encouragement.

A seventh released prisoner, also a lifer, will be deported.

Two women, one living in New York city and the other in Burlington, Vt, will come to the assistance of two of the lifers. The two men are Samuel Powers of Springfield and Morris Levine of Holyoke, the former having been committed in 1914 and the latter in 1928.

Levine will go to Burlington, Vt, to spend the rest of his life in the home of his sister, while Powers, a negro, will go to New York. Levine, now 67, was pardoned because of his physical condition.

"That is so," he remarked today, "but I'm still able to do a good job of painting and am sure that I can find plenty to do up in Burlington. I lived there for about 15 years and will be overjoyed to get back there again."

Levine was high in his praises of the manner in which the Norfolk Prison Camp is conducted. He had been there for four months.

"Treat You So Well"

"They treat you so well and so much like you were worthy of consideration that you just couldn't go wrong again," he declared. "And I want to say that much of this is due to the manner in which the prison is conducted by Supt Maurice Winslow and Deputy John O'Brien. They're wonderful men."

Powers, 46, was delighted with his opportunity to start life anew.

"Believe me it's going to be a happy Christmas day for me," he remarked. "Just as soon as she learned that I had been given a pardon, my sister, who runs a beauty shop in Harlem, got in touch with me and told me as soon as I got out to take the first train there and that when I arrived she would help to set me up in business. Isn't that a break?"

Accompanied by Forrest C. Palmer, parole agent, Powers went to the State House, to thank the Governor and to promise faithfully to abide by the pardon conditions.

Powers left with his sisters, Mrs Louise Lopez and Mrs Hattie Hart, and the latter's two children, Lillian and Edward, on an afternoon train for New York, where he will make his home with them in Harlem.

Wjciech Birusz of Salem, the third lifer pardoned, after having served 15 years for the killing of Mary B. Lavole, was not at the State House because of the fact that he, being an

alien, must be deported. He was born in Poland and must be returned to that country. Officials of the State Board of Pardons and Parole expressed some concern as to whether he would be received by his native land.

If this development occurs it will be necessary for the Governor and Council to grant him a full pardon. This automatically would allow his return to his native country.

Others Released

The other four prisoners released today were:

William Hooper of Lynn, sentenced March 24, 1933, to serve six to seven years for manslaughter. His sentence was commuted to from three to seven years.

Thomas J. Panetta of Cambridge, sentenced June 19, 1929, to serve 12 to 29 years for manslaughter. He shot Dominic Somerelli. His sentence was commuted to one from 7 to 20 years.

Joseph Zundowitch of Worcester, sentenced in 1928 for stealing \$30. His sentence was 15 to 18 years and it was commuted to one of 11 to 15 years.

William G. Henry of Dorchester, who was sentenced to serve three to five years, June 5, 1934, for the larceny of \$17,000 from the Minot Co-operative Bank.

Chairman Richard Olney of the Parole Board said the seven prisoners paroled were selected from a group of 50 recommended to the Governor and Council by the Parole Board for their consideration and selection.

Follow them, laying their offerings

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Governor's Greeting

Greeting the six pardoned men, Gov Curley said:

"Christmas conveys to every right thinking person 'peace on earth to men of good will.' The Commonwealth has exemplified its belief in that by granting a pardon to you men on the eve of the birthday of Christ you are being returned to your families and your friends. How long you remain with them depends entirely upon yourselves.

"Obey the laws and you will be safe. If you violate the laws you must suffer the penalties. There is one thing I want you to remember and that is that the old law of compensation never sleeps—it always works. If you do good deeds you will be rewarded. If you do evil deeds you will never escape punishment.

"It is entirely up to you to recognize your duty to society. Do it in the real way, the honest way, the Christian way. Remember your obligation to all others. May God guide you so that you will conduct yourselves as ornaments to society rather than otherwise."

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COUNCIL CONFIRMS HOWARD H. MURPHY

Much Opposition to New Agriculture Head

In the face of opposition from farm groups and the State Grange, Gov Curley succeeded yesterday in having the Executive Council confirm his appointment of Howard H. Murphy, Osterville, as Commissioner of Agriculture.

The protests against Murphy's appointment held up Council action on the nomination for one month. The vote in favor of him was six to three, along party lines with Councilors Brooks of Watertown, Grossman of Quincy, and Schuster of East Douglas, all Republicans, voting against him.

Murphy will succeed Edgar L. Gillett of Canton, who was appointed by Gov Ely last year.

It was learned that Arthur W. Gilbert, ex-Agriculture Commissioner, had refused to accept the post again.

Gov Curley made no appointments yesterday, saying he did not believe in putting present office holders out of their position before Christmas.

The Governor came to the State House yesterday, suffering from a severe cold, against the orders of his family doctor, Dr. Martin English, who had ordered him to bed.

The Governor said yesterday he has completed his annual message which he will deliver before the Legislature New Year's Day. The speech is about 35 pages long, he said.

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GRAFTON STATE HOSPITAL MARKS CHRISTMAS WEEK

NORTH GRAFTON, Dec 23—A merry Yuletide week is being enjoyed by the 1425 inmates of the Grafton State Hospital at North Grafton because 3200 relatives and friends of these inmates have received invitations from Gov Curley and Dr Harlan L. Paine, superintendent, to visit the institution. A large number are doing so daily.

Observances started last Friday and are continuing to New Year's Day. There have been moving pictures, Catholic and Protestant church services, singing of carols, distribution of presents, a special dinner and tree exercises, bus rides, games and refreshments, ending with a grand costume ball and masquerade on New Year's Eve.

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LIFER GIVEN HIS FREEDOM

Powers at State House to Thank Curley

Samuel Powers, Negro, 45, sentenced in 1914 to State Prison for life for the second degree murder of his wife, walked from prison a free man at noon today, after he had heard Warden Francis J. W. Langan read the conditions of his pardon, granted a week ago by Gov Curley.

Accompanied by Forrest C. Palmer, parole agent, Powers went to the State House, to thank the Governor and to promise faithfully to abide by the pardon conditions.

Powers was the only man at State Prison of the eight recently pardoned by the Governor, the other seven being at the Norfolk Prison Camp.

Powers left with his sisters, Mrs Louise Lopez and Mrs Hattie Hart, and the latter's two children, Lillian and Edward, on an afternoon train for New York, where he will make his home with them in Harlem.

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Editorial Points

Lindbergh, our great and beloved hero, exiled from his country by the threats of criminals and cranks!!

James Michael and Joseph Leo McCluskey, the twins for whom the Governor and Lieutenant Governor stood godfathers, surely ought to turn out Democrats.

England has begun "mechanizing" her cavalry, and when England actually abandons the horse she must mean business.

Another ship goes aground off the Jersey coast. Somebody ought to get up a project either to abolish the coast or to warn ships to keep a wide berth.

Boston's debt is \$108 per capita, rather a terrifying thought until one learns that Buffalo's is \$208. But then, Boston will pay hers.

Best holiday news so far is the reduction in Massachusetts of fatal motor accidents—49 last week as against 71 for the corresponding week last year.

President Cardenas of Mexico heard that Gen Calles was playing golf, and immediately issued a statement that he saw no menace in Calles.

Little old Japan seems to think she can take on Russia as well as China, handling two at a lick. She did handle Russia once, but the Czarists don't live there any more.

Wonder whether the Italian soldiers will sing their equivalent of "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht" tonight to the Ethiopians hid in the thickets.

Larry the Linotyper's apologies to Prof Fuess for making that literary authority refer to James Russell Lowell's "Bigelow papers."

Pity the poor sailors awaiting Christmas—and customers—out on the dreary expanse of Rum Row.

If you want to be sardonic, you might send your Congressman a wish for a happy New Year.

So far, nobody has noticed what fine Christmas cards the pretty new dollar bills make. But all hope is not lost; they make nice New Year's cards, too.

Don't see why Eden's appointment should dismay Italy. She had planned to go right ahead anyway.

You can now drive in the open air from Boston to Chelsea, if you have to drive from Boston to Chelsea.

Christmas Eve chorus: "Heavens, did we send them one?"

About time for skis, if we only had some snow or whi.

How many did you find you'd forgotten?

New moon for Christmas.

New Commissioner Sworn In



GOV CURLEY SWEARING IN HOWARD HAYNES MURPHY
AS COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

SECRETARIES GAVE GOVERNOR GOLF BALLS FOR CHRISTMAS

**That Started Him Telling of His Prowess at Game
—When He Could Win Bets on It**

Asst Sec John Backus this afternoon presented Gov James M. Curley with five boxes of golf balls as a Christmas present from the Governor's office staff and immediately let loose a flood of stories by the Governor about his (the Governor's) prowess on the links.

The Governor, in expressing his gratitude for the gift, said that while he was still Mayor he could do things which, as Governor, he does not quite feel at liberty to do.

"There was a time," the Governor said, "when I could step into a bar and have a drink with a friend. I could put on old clothes and go out on the golf course with an old friend and

make a little wager on our athletic prowess.

"Those days are gone—for the time being at least, and I regret them. Why, once my ability to play golf won me free butter and eggs for my household for a year. Another time I won cases of canned goods from the head of one of the chain stores.

"If I did those things today I might win the reputation of being a gambling governor, and I don't want to do that.

"So, my friends, I am doubly grateful to you for this present of golf balls. I used to win those too, in the old days."

The Governor then pulled a sackful of silver dollars out of his desk and distributed them generously among the secretarial staff.

SYRIANS GATHER TO HONOR ARCHBISHOP OF TYRE, SIDON

More than 300 prominent Syrians gathered at the Lobby Salon of the Hotel Bradford last night to honor His Eminence Theodosius Aborjally, Archbishop of Tyre and Sidon, Syria, and special delegate to the United States of the Patriarch of the Holy Antiochian Orthodox Church of Syria, who is in this country to assist in the election of an Archbishop of North America. A reception and dinner was held in honor of the visiting prelate.

Gov James M. Curley and Atty Gen Paul Dever gave the greetings of the Commonwealth and addressed the gathering. Other guest speakers were Faris Maloof, Elias Shamon, Boston; Assad Mudarri, New York; Rashid Abdilnour, Rev George Nahas and Rt Rev Anthony Rashir, acting bishop of the diocese.

Michael Cahaly was toastmaster. The members of the Society of St John of Damascus were the hosts of the occasion. Three clergymen will be nominated in North America and their names will be sent by Archbishop Theodosius to the Holy Synod and one will be named as Archbishop of North America.

This noon Archbishop Theodosius will pay an official visit to Gov Curley at the State House
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youngest, will sit at the Christmas table Wednesday.

LOWELL COUNCIL VOTES FELICITATIONS TO CURLEY

LOWELL, Dec 23—The City Council at a special meeting tonight voted to transfer 16 cents from the Moth Department to the Department of Conservation for seizure of land in the Pawtucketville section for development of a forest reservation.

On motion of Councilor Robert J. Desmond it was voted to instruct the City Clerk to send a protest to the Federal Government against the practice of keeping persons receiving aid from the commissary on Fletcher st standing outside the building in the cold weather.

The council also voted on motion of Councilor George W. O'Hara to send a message of greeting and felicitation to Gov Curley in appreciation of his activities in behalf of the city during the year. Transfer orders totaling \$5800 for the board of public welfare were approved.

Orders authorizing W. P. A. projects for an addition to the Chelmsford-st Hospital, the purchase of the Smith-st school, and repairs to the Edson and Vocational schools were referred to next year's government.

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Wallace of Somerville today.

MRS MARY GREEN, 82, GIVEN BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs Mary Green, mother of Civil Service Commissioner Thomas H. Green, was given a birthday party at her home at 117 Baldwin st, Charlestown, yesterday in honor of her 82d birthday. Eighty-two candles sparkled on the huge birthday cake that was brought in and Mrs Green cut the cake. Gov Curley sent her a telegram.

Among those present, besides Commissioner Green, were four other sons, John P., James I., Roy E. and Joseph Green; three daughters, Mrs Sadie McNulty, Miss Katherine Green, and Miss Mary Green, 15 grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. The house was decorated with a Christmas tree and other Yuletide adornments.

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CURLEY TO RULE SOON ON SEA WALL PROJECT

The \$800,000 sea wall and recreation project for the lowlands between Revere and Winthrop, presented to Gov Curley by Ex-Senator C. J. Brodbine, will be accepted or rejected by the Governor soon, it was announced yesterday.

The plans call for a wall to withstand the sea's assaults, a parking space for automobiles, a big locker building for men and women, and a playground. The entire project would cost \$800,000.

The project is the result of efforts to secure protection for Summer cottages, several year-round residences, a church and a school in the vicinity.

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GOV CURLEY IN SHARP RETORT

Says O'Connor's Offer Is Too Low to Consider

Governor Asks Speed in Bank Litigation

Replying to a letter from Gov Curley, urging him to confer at once with State Bank Commissioner Henry H. Pierce in order to end the litigation between the Federal National Bank and the state authorities, Controller of the Currency J. F. T. O'Connor informed the Massachusetts chief executive yesterday he feels that since the litigation has already progressed so far it should "be permitted to take its orderly course."

"Nevertheless," says the controller in his letter to Gov Curley, "if the State Banking Department desires to make a substantial revision downward of its previous offer of settlement for \$900,000 cash, this office will be quite willing to give the new offer consideration and prompt report."

Gov Curley immediately replied that the only other alternative offered by the Controller—of a substantial revision downward from the \$900,000 demanded by the state authorities in settlement of the suits of \$3,184,000 filed against the bank—was even more unsatisfactory than continuing the litigation. Hence, he urged the Controller to expedite the presentation of the Government's case and said he hoped a settlement would promptly be made on the rendering of a decision by the court.

Said Depositors Hurt

Gov Curley, in his letter of Dec 11, said the litigation is "unduly destructive to the financial interests of the depositors." He is eager to secure the release of the funds now tied up.

The litigation referred to was brought on behalf of the depositors, said to number 62,000, in four state banks, which were affiliates of the Federal National against the receiver of the Federal. The suit sought to obtain for the state bank depositors money which the State Bank Commissioner claimed was actually theirs. Hearings began last January before Arthur Black as master and have continued with few intermissions

ever since. Mr O'Connor says in his letter that he is informed about 60 more days will be needed to complete the master's hearings.

State Started Suits

Referring to the part of the Governor's letter in which he calls the litigation "unnecessary and unduly destructive," the controller says:

"Permit me to point out in the foregoing connection that the receiver of the Federal National Bank is the defendant in this litigation and that the suits were filed by the State Banking Department of Massachusetts. The litigation had its inception in the presentation by the State Banking Department of claims against the National Bank receivership in the sum of approximately \$4,200,000."

These claims were rejected, the controller says, and suits were filed for \$3,184,000. He adds that his office would not be justified in recommending settlement for \$900,000, which offer, he says he understands, was made by the Bank Commissioner. As to the suggestion for settlement by arbitration, the controller says that aside from the legal questions involved he doubts whether any time would be saved, since the master's hearing is so near completion.

"It is therefore considered," he says, "that it would best serve the interests of all parties for counsel on both sides to work toward expediting just as much as possible the remaining steps to be taken in the pending suit. To this end I am writing to counsel for the receiver, requesting him to cooperate fully with counsel for the State Banking Department in hastening the termination of the case in the orderly manner provided by law."

"Permit me to say in conclusion that I regret, no doubt, as deeply as you, that this litigation has been prosecuted, but the responsibility for its initiation must rest on the State Banking Department in instituting it."

Curley's Sharp Letter

In a stinging letter last night to Controller O'Connor, Gov Curley criticized "the course which you have seen fit to adopt in this particular case." The letter said:

"It is a source of regret to be informed that apparently there is no possibility of a settlement except upon the terms that you deem proper. In justice to the 3000 depositors in the Federal National Bank and the 60,000 depositors of closed state banks, it is unfortunate that you find it necessary to pursue the course which you have seen fit to adopt in this particular case."

"The settlement of a claim in excess of \$3,000,000 for less than \$900,000 is, in my opinion and in the opinion of the Bank Commissioner, unworthy of consideration. It is to be regretted that you find it impossible to adopt a more favorable attitude in the matter of settlement, rather than to continue the present policy under which the assets of the depositors are being dissipated in fees to attorneys and others engaged in litigation work."

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**FIREBUG OFF
PARDON LIST****Worcester Group Opposes
Freeing Gardner
Seven Paroled, Including Three
in for Life**

After receiving requests from Dist Atty Owen A. Hoban and others from Worcester that a mental examination be given Henry A. Gardner, Worcester firebug, who had been recommended for a Christmas pardon, Gov Curley withdrew Gardner's name yesterday from the list of pardons he submitted to the Executive Council.

The Governor announced that Dr Winfred Overholser, State Commissioner of Mental Diseases, would examine the man to determine whether he has overcome the pyromaniacal tendencies which are alleged to have impelled him to fire All Saints Church and other Worcester buildings.

Dist Atty Hoban made the first suggestion for a mental examination of the prisoner, who is serving a 10 to 12-year sentence. This was seconded by Chief Thomas Foley of the Worcester police, Supt of Detectives William Finneran, to whom Gardner confessed, and Ex-Dist Atty Esty of Worcester.

Esty's Argument

Appearing as a vestryman of All Saint's Church, Mr Esty said his delegation was asking whether the Council cared to take the responsibility for freeing a firebug.

"I don't know," he said, "whether any of you have lived through the terror caused by the knowledge that a pyromaniac is at large in your community. The murderer under life sentence is much less likely to repeat his crime than a man with a mental twist."

Esty was accompanied by Rev Richard G. Preston, rector of the church, and George S. Barton and Albert W. Rice, senior and junior wardens.

Clashes between Councilors Coakley of Boston and Schuster of East Douglas, who represents the Worcester district, resulted when the latter asked, "who sponsored this man's release?"

"I am very much disturbed about this case," said Councilor Coakley. "Gardner apparently felt this uncontrollable impulse to set fires only after he had been drinking. If I could be sure that he was never going to have another drink, I should be in favor of setting him free. I don't think it makes any difference who sponsors the commutation and I think we don't want to go off on a political tangent."

Lieut Gov Hurley, who was presiding, said the commutation was recommended by Arthur T. Lyman, Commissioner of Correction, the full Parole Board, Frank Lannigan, warden at State Prison and Maurice Winslow, State Prison Colony superintendent.

Both Esty and Hoban expressed the need for an institution to care for borderline mental cases, to which Coakley suggested that they appear before a legislative committee next month in favor of such a program.

Lifer Levine Pardoned

The name of Morris Levine, 67, of Holyoke, a lifer, was added to the holiday pardon list by the Governor yesterday. Levine was sentenced in October, 1928, for the murder of his wife. His health is bad, it was said, and he is not expected to live much longer. He will go to Vermont to live with his daughter.

A total of seven prisoners are to be given pardons, under parole conditions today, after a favorable vote by the Council yesterday. Besides Levine, they are:

William G. Henry, Dorchester, sentenced to 3 to 5 years, June 5, 1934, for larceny of \$17,000 from the Minot Cooperative Bank.

Joseph Zinkowitch, Worcester, sentenced in 1928, to 15 to 18 years for stealing \$30, in the pay envelope of another man.

Samuel Powers, Westfield, sentenced in 1914 to life for the murder of his wife.

Wojciech Birusz of Salem, sentenced in 1920 to serve life for the murder of Mary B. Lavoie. He will be deported to Poland.

William Hooper, Lynn, sentenced in 1933 to six to seven years for manslaughter.

Thomas J. Panetta, Cambridge, sentenced in 1929 to 12 to 20 years for manslaughter in shooting Dominic Somerelli.

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**STATE WILL
CHEER SICK****Christas Dinners at Institutions**

The state's sick and unfortunate in its various institutions and hospitals, numbering about 35,000, will receive good cheer and material provision from the Commonwealth for Christmas.

Tons of turkey, candy and delicacies will be provided, while Christmas trees and appropriate decorations, as well as special gifts for those with no kin to remember them, will be furnished in liberal quantities. Every tradition of thoughtfulness on the part of the state will be fully met.

The front of the State House is resplendent with 1000 electric candles and other decorations, including an illuminated message from Gov Curley. This symbolizes the spirit that is felt within.

In many departments Christmas parties, which have been the custom for years, will be replaced by the preparation of remembrances for the needy. The employees are devoting the special half-holiday today, granted them by the Governor, to filling and distributing baskets.

A special Christmas message, written by Gov Curley, will appear on the programs of the patients of state hospitals and children in welfare institutions tomorrow. The message is as follows:

"As Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is an exceeding pleasure to extend to you and your family sincere wishes for a merry Christmas and a most happy New Year.

"I sincerely trust that the program presented this day may bring some measure of the joy on this Christmas Day, and that Christmas Day in 1936 will find you and your family enjoying health, happiness and all of God's choicest blessings.

"JAMES M. CURLEY."

Turkey at Institutions

At all, except penal institutions, turkey will be the feature of the Christmas dinner. A specimen menu is that being made ready for the patients of the Taunton State Hospital which is under the supervision of the Department of Mental Diseases. Here is what will be served: Roast turkey with dressing, celery, pickles, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, boiled onions, squash, cranberry sauce, mince or pumpkin pie, plum pudding, custard sauce, cheese, candy, fruit, nuts, dates, figs and cider.

Every one of the 300 children at the State Hospital School, Canton, will be remembered. Special instructions have been given Santa Claus that none be overlooked.

Urging that remembrances from home are essential, Dr Ralph W. Chambers, superintendent of the Taunton State Hospital, issued a statement in which he said that relatives and friends may well do their part. He pointed out a large share of a patient's or pupil's happiness is centered around the anticipation of gifts from home. Although much is done at schools and hospitals, he said, the institutions cannot supplant the home in the affections of those in their charge. Dr Chambers stressed the importance of having all gifts from home and friends at the various institutions Christmas morning.

At State Prison the more than 900 inmates will have for their Christmas dinner roast pork, squash, potato, mince pie and coffee.

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GOVERNOR GREETES YOU ONE AND ALL

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXTENDS TO ALL
A Merry Christmas
— and a Happy New Year
James M. Curley GOVERNOR

Huge sign across the facade of the State House extending Gov. Curley's greetings of the season to the public. The text reads: "The Commonwealth Extends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" above the signature of "James M. Curley, Governor." The sign was manufactured and erected by John Donnelly & Sons.

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CURLEY SCORNS O'CONNOR OFFER

Will Not Consider Settlement of Claims Against Federal National DEPLORES NEED OF COSTLY LITIGATION

The offer of J. F. T. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency, to discuss a settlement of claims against the closed Federal National Bank for a "substantial revision downward" of a previous offer of \$900,000 was dismissed yesterday by Gov. Curley as being "unworthy of consideration."

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O'Connor, moreover, pointed out that the commonwealth reduced its original claims from \$4,200,000 to \$3,184,000 and that Henry H. Pierce, the bank commissioner, subsequently offered to settle the claims for \$900,000. He said that it is his duty as trustee for the depositors to defend their rights.

CURLEY'S REPLY

The Governor forwarded the following answer to O'Connor's refusal:

"It is a source of regret to be informed that apparently there is no possibility of a settlement except upon the terms that you deem proper. In justice to the 30,000 depositors in the Federal National Bank and the 80,000 depositors of closed state banks, it is unfortunate that you find it necessary to pursue the course which you have seen fit to adopt in this particular case.

"The settlement of a claim in excess of \$3,000,000 for less than \$900,000 is in my opinion and in the opinion of the bank commissioner unworthy of consideration. It is to be regretted that you find it impossible to adopt a more favorable attitude in the matter of settlement rather than to continue the present policy under which the assets of the depositors are being dissipated in fees

to attorneys and others engaged in liquidation work.

"In view of the fact that the state claim has been filed in its entirety with the courts, it is highly desirable that the federal government's case be presented at the earliest possible date and on the rendering of a decision by the court, I trust that a settlement may be made promptly without any further expensive litigation."

LETTER TO GOVERNOR

Comptroller O'Connor's letter to the Governor outlining his views on the situation follows:

My dear Gov. Curley:

I received in due course your letter of Dec. 11, transmitting a press release and a letter from the commissioner of bank of Massachusetts concerning pending litigation between the state banking authorities and the receiver of the Federal National Bank. Reply has been deferred awaiting a report from the receiver concerning the latest developments in the litigation.

You state in your letter that you trust this department "will take the necessary steps to end" the litigation, and you state in your press release that the litigation is, to your mind, "both unnecessary and unduly destructive to the financial interest of the depositors." Permit me to point out in the foregoing connection that the receiver of the Federal National Bank is the defendant in this litigation and that the suits were filed by the state banking department of Massachusetts. The litigation had its inception in the presentation by the state banking department of claims against the national bank receivership in the sum of approximately \$4,200,000. I am advised that these claims were not shown upon the books of the national bank, and that my predecessor concluded after investigation that they appeared to be either entirely without merit, or of such doubtful nature that in justice to the depositors and creditors of the bank they could not be allowed unless established by a court of competent jurisdiction as required by section 5236 of the United States revised statutes. Hence the claims were rejected and apparently the state banking department decided after further investigation that at least \$1,000,000 of the claims probably could not be established inasmuch as suits were filed for approximately \$3,184,000 rather than the original amount aggregating \$4,200,000,000.

With reference to the settlement of this litigation by compromise and the statement in that connection in the letter of the commissioner of banks that in March of this year "he offered to make a fair settlement," I assume he has reference to the suggestion which I understand was made by the commissioner that the receiver settle for \$900,000 cash. It is obvious in view of the foregoing that this office would not be justified in recommending for approval by the court a settlement in any sum approaching this amount, and I understand that the state banking department has previously been so advised.

With reference to the suggested settlement of the controversy by arbitration, I have already indicated that section 5236, U. S. R. S., provides that where claims are not allowed by the comptroller they must be established by the adjudication of a court of competent jurisdiction. Hence it is extremely doubtful that

the statutory arbitration provided under the laws of Massachusetts can take the place of the foregoing provision of the federal statute.

Aside from the legal question thus involved I am advised that the state

banking department has been presenting its evidence since January of this year and concluded such presentation last week. I am further advised that counsel for the receiver estimated that presentation of the defense evidence will not take more than 60 days, after which the entire case will be taken under advisement for decision and report by the master appointed by the court for that purpose. Even if it were legally possible for arbitrators to act in the premises, it is obvious that they could not render a decision which would do justice to both sides of the controversy, without a thorough investigation and the taking of testimony and it would certainly seem that such proceedings would prolong any possibility of settlement beyond the time which should not be required in the pending litigation wherein the testimony is substantially already completed and can be ready for consideration by the master in a comparatively short time. It would thus appear that nothing could be gained in the interest of saving time by a consideration of the controversy de novo by arbitrators.

FAVORS EXPEDITING IT

It is therefore considered that it would best serve the interests of all parties for counsel on both sides to work toward expediting just as much as possible the remaining steps to be taken in the pending suit. To this end I am writing to counsel for the receiver requesting him to co-operate fully with counsel for the state banking department in hastening the termination of the case in the orderly manner provided by law.

Permit me to say in conclusion that I regret, no doubt as deeply as you, that this litigation has been prosecuted, but the responsibility for its initiation and prosecution must rest upon the state banking department in instituting it. Obviously it has been, and is, the duty of the comptroller, as trustee for the depositors and creditors whom he represents, to defend vigorously, their rights in the premises. It may be noted in this connection that the depositors and creditors of the national bank have recently indicated, at meetings held by them, that they are strongly opposed to the payment by the national bank receiver of the claims of the state banking department, according to newspaper accounts appearing in the Boston Advertiser of Dec. 1, 1935.

While I feel that under all the circumstances the litigation should be permitted to take its orderly course, nevertheless if the state banking department desires to make a substantial revision downward of its previous offer of settlement for \$900,000,000 cash, this office will be quite willing to give the new offer consideration and prompt report.

The report of the state banking commissioner transmitted with your letter, and referred to in your press release as "most illuminating," quotes in part from a letter of March 19, 1935, of the banking commissioner to the receiver of the Federal National Bank. I enclose herewith,

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for your information, a copy of the reply of the receiver, of the same date, to the banking commissioner. I am transmitting copies of this letter, and of the letter of the receiver of March 19, 1935, to the press.

McSWEENEY ISSUES CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Expresses Wish for Happy Holiday
To All Men on Force

In a personal Christmas message to every member of the police department, Police Commissioner McSweeney yesterday instructed captains that patrolmen will be permitted to enjoy the Christmas holiday at home insofar as it can be done without impairing the efficiency of the department.

The general order read in part: "Please accept my warmest Christmas greetings. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy with your families, the happiest Christmas that you have ever known."

"I cannot begin to tell you how deeply I appreciate the splendid spirit of cooperation and good-will shown to me by every member of the department. It has made me very happy. It is also an incentive to me to continue to do everything in my power to help you, and to encourage you to do your share in making the Boston police department the finest of its kind in the world."

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U.S. SENDS CASH TO START CAMP

First Allotment for \$2,000,000
Project at Bourne Is
Only \$77,000

With only eight more days before the end of the year, Gov. Curley yesterday received his first WPA appropriation towards the development of a national guard camp at Bourne.

Instead of the \$2,000,000 promised at various times during the year, the federal allotment was \$77,000 for labor, material and equipment needed to construct serviceable roads "leading to and adjacent to" the camp.

Although officials said they were reasonably certain the camp development would eventually be approved as a PWA project, and although the national guard is already going ahead with plans to put its men in tents there, if no barracks have been erected before next June, no official confirmation of the \$2,000,000 job has been released at Washington yet.

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State House Briefs

By HENRY EHRLICH

Chester E. Gleason of the state industrial accidents board yesterday said he was sick in bed last week when the membership of the board was recorded "unanimously" in approval of Senator William S. Conroy's leave of absence, to be taken in order that he might fill out his Senate term. Gleason registered a dissenting vote yesterday, declaring that only the Governor, in his opinion, had the power to grant the Fall River senator his request.

Gleason statement follows: "This is an administrative board consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor. In my opinion the board has no legal right to grant a leave of absence to any of its members. If any one has power to grant a leave of absence in this case it would in my opinion be the Governor of the commonwealth and not the members of the industrial accidents board."

Conroy's request has been submitted to Atty.-Gen. Paul A. Dever for his opinion. Since the statute establishing the board requires that members devote their full working hours to the board's work, there appears to be some question on the legality of the proposal.

The names of four eligible for promotion to the position of lieutenant in the Somerville fire department were forwarded to Mayor James E. Hagan yesterday by the civil service commission. The names follow: Walter F. Cullinane, William H. Fennelly, John V. Sloane and John V. Quinn.

The investigation by a special recess commission of casualty and mutual liability insurance companies is sought in two bills filed yesterday by Senator P. Eugene Casey of Milford.

Representative Charles W. Hedges of Quincy seeks to increase from \$8000 to \$9000 a year the maximum salary for judges of probate in Norfolk county.

If motorists keep down their speed during the holiday week-end

the Massachusetts safety council announced yesterday, they will achieve the goal set by the council three months ago to cut down motor fatalities by 100.

Employment in Boston for November dropped from 100,350 to 98,664 in 1801 representative establishments, according to a memorandum released yesterday by the state department of labor and industries. The weekly payroll in these organizations dropped from \$2,411,705 to \$2,349,725. The greatest drops came in the boot and shoe industry, where the payroll went down 30 per cent., and in the men's clothing line, where the figure dropped 26 per cent.

Gov. Curley has completed a 35-page message to the Legislature, to be delivered Jan. 1. The message needs only a few finishing touches, he said yesterday.

The Governor appeared at the State House yesterday with a severe head cold.

The 5000 men engaged in sidewalk projects throughout the state will receive their pay in time for Christmas, Gov. Curley announced yesterday, following a conference with William F. Callahan, public works commissioner. Although they were engaged only recently, some were paid yesterday and the rest will be paid today.

Thomas H. Buckley, state auditor, will present the Democratic aspects of the New Deal at an open forum to be conducted at the Dorchester Manor Sunday by the Jewish Daily Forward. Republican views will be given by former Atty. Gen. Joseph E. Warner, while Alfred Baker Lewis will talk on the Socialistic viewpoint.

The special recess commission on municipal finance will file its report to the incoming Legislature Friday. The commission is expected to furnish some solution of Boston's finance problems, whether the city should continue under the guidance of the state Legislature or should be included under the provisions of the municipal finance act.

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MURPHY TAKES OATH AS COMMISSIONER

Howard H. Murphy of Osterville became the new state commissioner of agriculture yesterday afternoon as he took the oath of office before Gov. Curley following a vote of confirmation of his nomination by the executive council. He was confirmed by a vote of 6 to 3. He succeeded Edgar L. Gillett of Canton, who was appointed by former Gov. Ely. He took over his new duties immediately after he had taken the oath.

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CURLEY REJECTS O'CONNOR OFFER

Bars Settlement of Suit Against Closed Bank

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COUNCIL PARDONS 3 LIFE CONVICTS

Four Others Released from State Prison

Three lifers were among seven state convicts given pardons yesterday by the executive council on Gov. Curley's recommendation. Executive clemency was withheld in the case of Henry A. Gardner, Worcester firebug, pending a mental examination to be given him by Dr. Winfred Overholser, state commissioner of mental diseases.

Pardons on parole conditions were voted to Samuel Powers of Westfield, Wojciech Birusz of Salem and Morris Levine of Holyoke, serving life sentences for murder; and William G. Henry of Dorchester, Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, William Hooper of Lynn and Thomas J. Panetta of Cambridge. They will be released early this afternoon by the state board of parole.

Gardner's release was deferred following a public hearing on a petition for commutation of his sentence of eight to 10 years for arson. Dist. Atty. Owen A. Hoban of Worcester, accompanied by several of the residents of that city, protested against Gardner's release without some assurance that he is not a pyromaniac. The Governor said the executive councillors had favored the release of 10 additional convicts, but that he had withheld recommendations necessary to bring their cases before the council for consideration.

Levine, sentenced to a life term in 1928 for killing his wife, was pardoned, it was explained, because he is suffering from a diseased heart and kidneys.

Zinkowitch has served 7½ years of a 15 to 18-year sentence imposed for his participation in a hold-up. There was no gun used in the hold-up, it was explained.

Birusz has served 15½ years of a life sentence for the murder of Mary B. Lavoie, while Hooper has served only 2½ years of a six to seven-year sentence for manslaughter.

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Reward—\$1000 for Capture of Guard Killers

Governor Curley announced today that he was offering \$1000 reward for the apprehension of Edward Gaunelli and Anthony Repucci who are being sought for the murder of Prison Officer Walter R. Doucette when he was conducting them from the Dedham Superior Court to State Prison yesterday afternoon.

Meanwhile, Chief Justice Wilfred O. Bolster of the Municipal Court issued murder warrants for the two convicts and District Attorney was preparing to submit the case to the Grand Jury (which meets next Monday) as soon as Gaunelli and Repucci are apprehended.

Using the tragic slaying as a stepping-stone to prevent future breaks of this kind, Commissioner of Correction Arthur T. Lyman announced that from now on two guards would accompany two prisoners instead of the one guard who has been considered sufficient in the past. Mr. Lyman is also studying:

1. The use of special cars such as police wagons instead of taxis for transporting prisoners. He added, however, that escapes have been made even from police cars.

2. The position of parole officers who are sent to bring captured convicts to Massachusetts from other states. Their situation has been the same as that of prison officers—one guard to either one or two prisoners. Mr. Lyman stated that nothing has happened to date but that this did not necessarily insure the future.

3. Whether guards should be equipped with guns or gas bombs. The commissioner himself tends to favor the latter since prisoners might seize guns and would be expert in their use. A gas bomb on the other hand, affects anyone in its vicinity. However, he will not force those guards who prefer firearms to abandon them.

Commissioner Lyman expects to make definite recommendations in the future. He is going to confer with

Carl Raymond, budget commissioner, concerning any added expense which his recommendations would involve.

Relief—WPA Pay Checks All Sent Out

Most encouraging news in Boston today came from Arthur G. Rotch, WPA head. It was to the effect that Massachusetts relief rolls are 4000 lower than last month and 51,000 less than the peak relief load of last March. On relief rolls today there were 147,000 persons. Of these 120,000 were on WPA.

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Pay checks for 77,000 workers have been put in the mails the last four days, Mr. Rotch said. The total pay roll was \$2,310,000, believed to be the largest ever issued in Massachusetts. All current and back pay has now been given WPA workers, he said.

Labor—Seeks Action On Child Amendment

Big guns of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor barked twice today giving warning of labor's intense interest in the legislative session which will open here next week. Petitions seeking ratification of the Federal Child Labor Amendment were filed as was a bill seeking to raise the school age limit from 14 years to 16 years.

Both were featured in Labor's legislative program last year.

The child labor amendment was defeated last year when Cardinal O'Connell expressed disapproval of the measure. The school age limit was sponsored by labor in order to keep children in school and off the market for jobs. The bill had the support of the then Commissioner of Education, Dr. Payson Smith, but failed to pass.

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Pardons—Governor Hands Gift to Seven Men

Minus whiskers and a red suit, Governor Curley played the role of Santa Claus today in his offices on Beacon Hill. Smiling across a broad-topped desk, the Commonwealth executive presented seven state prison inmates with full pardons under parole as a Christmas gift tagged "from the Governor and his Council."

To receive this generosity, six residents were called to State House from the prison colony at Norfolk; a seventh from Charlestown. The "guest list": Wojciech Birusz, Salem; William G. Henry, Dorchester; William Hooper, Lynn; Morris Levine, Holyoke; Thomas J. Panetta, Cambridge; Samuel Powers, Westfield, and Joseph Zinkowitch, Worcester.

Originally, the Governor had planned a Christmas party for eight. But the name of Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac, was finally withdrawn after a noisy hearing by the Council. Neighbors and officials

in his home city had objected strongly to clemency.

While Christmas was being celebrated within, the State House grounds blazed forth a greeting to all who live in Massachusetts—a public card with lighted letters three feet high.

At the City Hall John J. Douglass, Commissioner of Penal Institutions, exceeded the Governor in holiday largess. Thirty persons, serving terms of from one to eighteen months, were released in recognition of the season.

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Up and Down Beacon Hill

Scolding for Watt?

Teachers' oath champions are gleefully predicting a gubernatorial call down for Robert J. Watt, secretary of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor and Governor Curley-appointed member of the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

The oratorical Scot recently had the temerity to brand the Governor's new State Commissioner of Education, James G. Reardon, as "unfit" because he favored the teachers' oath 1000 per cent. Mr. Watt and numerous outstanding educators consider the oath "communitistic" legislation, designed to regiment teacher and student thought as in dictatorial countries." By supporting the oath, Mr. Reardon is deserting the teachers, Mr. Watt charges.

Those persons back of the oath legislation assert Mr. Watt is guilty of striking down the official arm that has aided him in the past, for he owes his \$6000-a-year State position to Governor Curley. They believe he should keep his verbal rapier sheathed when the Governor makes other appointments, whether or not they affect labor. For his recent impetuosity they expect him to receive a curt summons to the gubernatorial woodshed.

For Labor First

Evidently, however, the prognosticators know Mr. Watt but little. This is not the first time he has opposed the Governor's actions. Just before his appointment to the Unemployment Compensation Commission, he differed with the Governor on an appointment and forced a change. Yet he received the state post.

Mr. Watt undoubtedly will continue his attacking policy. He regards his state position as a labor post. Actually he is labor's representative on the commission and he contends that as labor's representative both at the State House and at the federation office he is entitled to voice his opinions on various activities affecting labor.

More than once he has told the writer that he would resign from his Beacon Hill post the minute it conflicted with his labor policies. It appears logical, therefore, that if the Governor attempted to place a muzzle on Mr. Watt, the latter would refuse to wear it, even to the extent of resigning.

Ideals Above Politics

To those interested in more efficient and better government, it is refreshing that some state officials refuse to sacrifice their ideals and purposes to politics.

But in this case, it does not appear that Mr. Watt will have to sacrifice his ideals. As labor owes Governor Curley something for his support during the 1935 legislative session, so the Governor owes labor much for its support during the 1934 election fight.

Organized labor aided Mr. Curley tremendously by its unrelenting attack on Gaspar G. Bacon's labor record. It is no secret that this campaign swung many a vote into the Curley column.

Governor Curley, of course, wishes to retain the labor vote. In this State, still industrial despite plant migrations to the South, the organized labor vote is an important asset. If the Governor attempted to "crack down" on Mr. Watt, he would be courting election reprisals from labor.

Such reprisals would be dangerous during the 1936 campaign, which promises to be torrid, to say the least, particularly with many persons claiming the Governor is losing strength politically.

Repeal of Oath Law

As for the teachers' oath, there is some indication of a repeal attempt in 1936. The Massachusetts State Federation of Labor has under consideration such a proposal, submitted by various affiliated teacher groups.

Some opponents, however, believe 1936 will not be an opportune year for a repeal attempt. The same legislators will be seated in the House and Senate, except in a few cases, who, in 1935, passed the oath.

Probably few will change their decision on the matter, with the American Legion and others wheeling into line all possible verbal guns in its defense, some oath opponents contend.

If the federation is convinced by this argument it possibly will delay its attack until 1937. But the fight is certain to start sooner or later.

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Carol Singing Opens Boston Holiday Fete

Groups All Over the City
Gather for Annual Custom
—Needy Cared For

Boston Today—also
sees—Grand Jury vote
another indictment in
school investigation —
Amoskeag files for reor-
ganization under section
77B of the bankruptcy act
—Cranberry crop reported
bigger and better than last
year—State offer \$1000 re-
ward for capture of 2 con-
victs who killed guard in
escape. . .

Christmas—Festivities Open With Carol Singing

Warming spirit of Christmas-tide
mounted over commercial aspects of
the holiday in Boston today. It gently
increased its pervasive atmosphere,
promising that as the golden sun
silently slipped behind the blue
Berkshires tonight colonial Boston
would once more find its heart open
in joyful celebration of Christmas
eve in its historic manner.

Softly glowing candles in the paned
windows of old rose brick houses in
Louisburg Square will dance a merry
welcome tonight to some 20,000 Bos-
tonians who will throng Beacon Hill
to listen to carols. On old Boston
Common an ambitious Christmas
program has been planned.

Within the shadow of Trinity
Church a mighty chorus of 250
voices will sing out Phillips Brooks's
beloved carol "Little Town of Beth-
lehem." The group, under the direc-
tion of Prof. A. Buckingham Simson,
WPA music director, will mass on the
library steps at 9 p. m. offering one

of the largest and most spectacular
Christmas presentations witnessed in
Boston.

If there is a little girl in Boston
tomorrow who does not have a doll;
if there is a little boy who does not
have a sled or a train, it will not
be the fault of the Boston Post. That
newspaper raised some \$20,000 with
which to supply every needy child in
Boston some toy in material remem-
brance of the season they so eagerly
anticipate.

If there is a hungry man in Boston
tomorrow it will not be the responsi-
bility of the Waldorf restaurant
chain. Free Christmas dinners for
20,000 were being prepared for serv-
ing tomorrow.

At the Volunteers of America
quarters this afternoon Governor
Curley and a committee of promi-
nent business and political leaders
joined in giving out baskets. All other
charitable and service organizations
in Boston were united in seeing that
none were forgotten this Christmas.

The Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals and the Animal
Rescue League busily worked so that
pigeons on the common, and horses
on the street might be assured extra
grain or an apple or carrot.

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WILL BLAZE ON STATE HOUSE

Governor's Greetings in
Huge Neon Lights

For the first time in the history of the
State, the Christmas greetings of the
Governor will be flashed in elaborate
Neon lights across the third floor bal-
cony over the Beacon street main en-
trance to the Capitol.

The sign, which is 30 feet long and 13
feet high, will bear the inscription:
"The Commonwealth extends a Merry
Christmas and Happy New Year," and
in facsimile Neon will be the signature:
"James M. Curley, Governor."

The sign is being erected by order of
Governor Curley and employees of John
Donnelly & Sons, who are doing the
work, said last night they hoped to
complete its installation today.

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HEAD OF POLICE GREETES FORCE

Wishes Each Officer in
City Happy Christmas

Christmas greetings to Boston police
by Police Commissioner McSweeney
were issued in general orders last night.

The order read: "A personal message
from the police commissioner to every
individual member of the Boston police
department.

"Please accept my warmest Christmas
greetings. I sincerely hope that you
will enjoy with your families, the hap-
piest Christmas that you have ever
known.

"I cannot begin to tell you how deeply
I appreciate the splendid spirit of co-
operation and good will shown to me
by every member of the department.
It has made me very happy. It is also
an incentive to me to continue to do
everything in my power to help you,
and to encourage you to do your share
in making the Boston police department
the finest of its kind in the world."

CARE FOR 3000

Governor's Drive for Contributions
Means Christmas Baskets for the
needy—He Himself Supplies Funds
for 200 and Others Join in Giving—
Distribution Started

As a result of the drive for con-
tributions started by him last week
Governor Curley announced last night
that 3000 to 4000 needy families will
receive Christmas baskets, containing
a full meal for tomorrow's holiday din-
ner.

Distribution started last night in the
form of door to door deliveries of bas-
kets, or with orders for the fixings.

The Governor said that about 7000
requests were received, but when they
were sifted down it developed that
approximately two-thirds of them could
be filled. Last week the Governor said
that he would be able to take care
of 200 personally and he appealed to
the general public to help provide for
the others.

Each basket will bear a card, which
reads:

"That Christmas Day may be most
happy is the sincere wish of James M.
Curley, Governor of Massachusetts."

In each basket there will be two
fowl (three to four pounds each), one-
half peck of potatoes, three pounds
squash, two pounds onions, one can
cranberry sauce, one-half pound of but-
ter, one-half pound of tea, two pounds
of sugar, one dozen oranges, one loaf
of white and one loaf of whole wheat
bread and two pounds of Christmas
candy.

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SEVEN TO GET THEIR FREEDOM

Curley Will Present
Pardons to Them at
Noon Today

At noon today Governor Curley will present seven inmates of State prisons with full pardons, under parole conditions, as the Christmas gift of the Governor and his Council.

An eighth prisoner, recommended for pardon under parole conditions, Henry A. Gardner of Worcester, a pyromaniac, finally had his name withdrawn after a stormy hearing by the Council. Officials and citizens of Worcester strongly protested clemency for him.

SURPRISE MOVE

In a surprise move the names of three more prisoners were acted upon yesterday by the Governor and Council for pardons. Last week the names of five men were recommended for Christmas parole. Yesterday with the withdrawal of the name of Gardner, the new names were submitted and approved for pardons under parole.

The men who will be given pardons today are:

Wojciech Birusz of Salem. He was sentenced April 20, 1920, for life after conviction for the murder of Mary B. Lavois. He is being pardoned on condition that he will be deported to Poland.

William Hooper of Lynn, sentenced March 24, 1933, to serve six to seven years for manslaughter.

Samuel Powers of Westfield, sentenced to life, Feb. 20, 1914, for the murder of his wife.

All But One at Norfolk

Thomas J. Panetta of Cambridge, doing 12 to 20 years for manslaughter, and sentenced for the murder of Dominic Somerelli.

Morris Levine of Holyoke, 67-year-old lifer, convicted of murdering his wife. He was sentenced Oct. 4, 1928.

William G. Henry of Dorchester, serving three to five years for larceny of \$17,000 from the Minot Co-operative Bank.

Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, given 15 to 18 years for stealing \$30. He was sentenced in 1928.

All but Powers are confined at the prison colony at Norfolk. Powers is in the main prison at Charlestown.

Four of the pardons were granted by the council without record votes. These cases were Henry, Zinkowitch, Panetta, Hooper.

Hectic Session

Powers, one of the three lifers, was pardoned on parole conditions on a vote of six to three with Lieutenant-Governor Hurley, Councillors Brooks and Schuster voting in the negative.

Levine, a second lifer, was pardoned on a vote of seven to two with Councillors Brooks and Schuster voting in the negative.

Birrusz, the third lifer, was pardoned on a vote of six to three with Councillors Russell, Brooks and Schuster voting against clemency.

The case of Gardner, whose name was on the original list of five last week, caused a hectic session of the council with verbal clashes between Councillors Daniel H. Coakley of Boston, and Frank A. Brooks of Watertown, and Winfield Schuster of Douglas, at a hearing presided over by Lieutenant-Governor Hurley.

Urges Examination

Gardner caused a virtual reign of terror in Worcester after a series of fires in churches, industrial plants and homes. District Attorney Owen A. Hoban led the opposition against his pardon on parole, and asked that a board of psychiatrists be appointed by Dr. Winfred Overholser, State commissioner for mental diseases, before any action was taken by the Governor and Council.

Attorney Hoban told the Council that Gardner is not able to resist setting fires when under the influence of liquor. He was supported by other leading citizens of Worcester.

The clash between Councillors Coakley and Brooks and Schuster came when the latter inquired if there was anyone present to speak for Gardner and advocate that he be pardoned.

38 Days in Solitary

Councillor Coakley charged that this was politics when no one stepped forward to aid the convict. He charged that the hearing was staged for those against Gardner being pardoned, and not for those who were in his favor. Lieutenant-Governor Hurley tried to smooth the matter over by saying that Gardner's pardon was being acted upon solely on the report of the commissioner of correction, the board of parole and the warden at Norfolk.

As the Governor was leaving the State House it was decided that those who will be given pardons should receive them at noon today. They will be brought here from Norfolk and Charlestown and appear before the Governor at that time.

After the Council meeting Councillor Brooks said that he had voted against all of the life termers, pointing out that they had bad records in prison, one having done 38 days straight in solitary. Councillor Brooks is former chairman of the parole board.

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GOVERNOR STIRRED BY BANK CASE

Hits Suggestion of
Cutting the Federal
National Claim

The refusal of J. F. T. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency at Washington, to agree to a settlement of the litigation between the State bank commissioner and the Federal National Bank unless the State revises downward its previous offer of \$900,000, aroused the ire of Governor Curley last night.

CALLS IT "UNFORTUNATE"

In a reply to Comptroller O'Connor, the Governor said that settlement of the State's claim for less than \$900,000 "is in my opinion and in the opinion of the bank commissioner unworthy of consideration." He said that in the interest of the 30,000 depositors in the Federal National and the 60,000 depositors in the closed State banks interested in the claim, "it is unfortunate that you find it necessary to pursue the course which you have seen fit to adopt in this particular case."

Comptroller O'Connor, in a letter to the Governor, pointed out that the litigation was started by the State and that the State banking department has been presenting evidence since January and concluded such presentation last week. He said that presentation of the evidence on behalf of the Federal National will consume not more than 60 days, after which the entire matter will be taken under advisement by the master appointed by the court for the purpose.

Arbitration Impossible

In his original proposal to the comptroller, Governor Curley suggested that the litigation could be left to a form of arbitration. Mr. O'Connor said in his letter yesterday that under federal legislation, when claims are not allowed by the comptroller, they must be established by a court of competent jurisdiction, and that arbitration is impossible. "Even if it were possible for arbitrators to act in the premises," said Mr. O'Connor, "it is obvious that they could not render a decision which would do

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justice to both sides of the controversy without a thorough investigation and the taking of testimony, and it would certainly seem that such proceedings would prolong any possibility of settlement beyond the time which should now be required in the pending litigation, wherein the testimony is substantially already completed and can be ready for consideration by the master in a comparatively short time."

Referring to a previous offer by the State to settle the case for payment of \$900,000 by the federal receiver, Mr. O'Connor said that "if the State banking department desires to make a substantial revision downward of its previous offer of settlement for \$900,000 cash, this office will be quite willing to give the new offer consideration and prompt report."

Letter From Receiver

Enclosed in Mr. O'Connor's letter to the Governor was a copy of a letter from Frederick S. Deitrick, receiver for the Federal National Bank, to State Bank Commissioner Henry H. Pierce containing an offer to meet Mr. Pierce in Washington last March for discussion of the case.

Rejecting the offer to settle the matter at less than the \$900,000 original note, Governor Curley wrote to the Comptroller:

"It is to be regretted that you find it impossible to adopt a more favorable attitude in the matter of settlement, rather than to continue the present policy under which the assets of the depositors are being dissipated in fees to attorneys and others engaged in liquidation work.

"In view of the fact that the State claim has been filed in its entirety with the courts, it is highly desirable that the federal government's case be presented at the earliest possible date, and on the rendering of a decision by the court I trust that a settlement may be made promptly without any further expensive litigation."

On behalf of several of the closed trust companies here, claims against the Federal National were filed originally in the amount of \$4,200,000. When these were rejected by the comptroller, new claims were filed by the State aggregating \$3,184,000. Subsequently the State's offer to settle for \$900,000 was made and rejected.

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CURLEY ON JOB DESPITE DOCTOR

Defying doctor's orders to stay in bed because of a bad cold, Gov. James M. Curley was at the State House yesterday to preside over the meeting of the executive council.

Dr. Martin English, the Curley family physician, told him he should have remained at home. The governor said he would, unless he felt better tomorrow.

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Gov. Curley's Greeting

"My greeting to the people of the Commonwealth is expressed on the card which I have sent to the 4000 persons who will receive Christmas baskets," said Governor Curley last night. The card reads:

"That Christmas Day may be most happy is the sincere wish of James M. Curley, Governor of Massachusetts."

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SEVEN CONVICTS TO BE GIVEN CURLEY PARDONS

Seven prisoners, including three lifers, will receive Christmas

Held Before Tour



New York, Dec. 23—Poldi Mildner, Austrian concert pianiste, is held by immigration officials aboard the S.S. Bremen, because her scheduled concert tour has not been guaranteed. She may spend Xmas at Ellis Island.

pardons, Gov. Curley announced yesterday. Four of the men were recommended for pardon last week; yesterday three new names were added to the list.

One of the prisoners newly named for pardon is Morris Levine of Holyoke, 67, who killed his wife and was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1928. He is said to be suffering from heart and kidney trouble.

Another is William G. Henry, 30, former Boston University football and track star, who was sentenced in 1934 to serve three to five years for the larceny of \$17,000 from the Minot Co-operative Bank of Neponset.

The third is Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, who was sentenced in 1928 to serve 15 to 18 years for stealing \$30.

Others to be freed are Samuel Powers of Westfield, serving a life term for murder of his wife; Wojciech Birusz of Salem, lifer who murdered Mary B. Lavoie; William Hooper, serving six to seven years for manslaughter, and Thomas J. Panetta of Cambridge, serving 12 to 20 years for a like offense.

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PUT FATE OF FIREBUG UP TO EXPERTS

After demand had been made before the pardons committee of the Executive Council that Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac recommended for clemency, be examined as to his sanity before his sentence is commuted, Gov. Curley yesterday asked Dr. Winfred Overholser, commissioner of mental diseases, to appoint a board of competent alienists to make the examination.

Gardner is serving a 10 to 12 years sentence, after setting fire to churches and dwellings in Worcester three years ago.

Dist. Atty. Owen A. Hoban, former Dist. Atty. Edward T. Estey, Police Chief Thomas F. Foley, Detective Supt. William P. Finneran, Rev. Richard Preston of All Saints' Church, and representatives of Pleasant St. Baptist Church, were among Worcester leaders who opposed parole.

NONE FOR HIM

No one appeared to support the Governor's clemency recommendation.

The hearing was marked by a clash between Councillor Daniel H. Coakley and Councillors Winfield Schuster, who presented the opponents, and Frank A. Brooks.

Dist. Atty. Hoban voiced the demand that Gardner be examined by psychiatrists. His suggestion was endorsed by all the other speakers.

Hoban recalled that the city of Worcester "was put in a state of fear and terror by the series of incendiary fires." Extra firemen were put on duty and "the people were afraid to go to sleep while the firebug was at large."

He declared that Gardner, who confessed, had been found to be a "true pyromaniac, who had irresistible impulses to set fires, usually while under the influence of liquor."

"TRUE PYROMANIAC"

"We believe he is still a true pyromaniac," the district attorney said, "and we don't know if there is any cure for it. If his sentence were commuted he would promptly be eligible for parole."

"I suggest that before you act favorably on this recommendation for Gardner, you cause him to be examined by a competent board of psychiatrists and that

he be placed under observation for a period of 35 days.

"If the board found that he was able to resist impulses to set fires, then I, as district attorney, would have no objection to his release."

"If he cannot properly control his impulses, he would be a real menace not only to property but to life."

Coakley clashed with Schuster when the latter inquired who sponsored the clemency recommendation, declaring the people of Worcester were entitled to know.

"Let's not get into politics by going off at a tangent like that," Coakley said.

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CURLEY RAPS U. S. DELAY ON CLOSED BANK CLAIM

In a letter reproaching J. F. T. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency, for not settling the \$3,000,000 claim of the state of Massachusetts for \$900,000 Gov. Curley last night renewed his plea for speedy liquidation of the closed Federal National bank.

The settlement of a claim of \$3,000,000 for less than \$900,000 is, in my opinion, and in the opinion of the bank commissioner unworthy of consideration" wrote the Governor. He also urged that "a settlement may be made promptly without any further expensive litigation."

Previously the governor had written deploring the cost of \$1000 a day caused by litigation and said this money should be given to the depositors in dividends. It is three years since any dividend was paid to the depositors.

Comptroller O'Connor, in reply, stated the responsibility for the suit rests with the state. He estimates that it will take the federal government not more than 60 days to enter a defense to the evidence which the state has been presenting since January of this year. Then the way will be clear for decision by the master.



Lucy Moisan, school teacher, witness yesterday at the Suffolk county grand jury probe into the alleged school job sale racket.

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Gov. Curley has his annual message to the 1936 Legislature practically completed. He said yesterday that it was ready except for a few finishing touches. It will be about 35 pages long.

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MURPHY WINS ON VOTE OF COUNCIL

After his appointment had been held up for three weeks because of opposition by farm groups, Howard H. Murphy of Osterville was confirmed by the Governors Council and sworn in as state commissioner of agriculture by Gov. Curley yesterday by a vote of 6 to 3. The three Republican council members were in opposition.

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GIFT BASKETS WILL AID BOSTON'S MERRIEST CHRISTMAS DAY

BEACON HILL WILL HEAR ITS USUAL CAROLS

Teeming with the joyous holiday spirit, Boston begins today the observance of what promises to be the merriest and happiest Christmas in the memory of the oldest resident.

The poor and unfortunate will be best remembered by more than a score of charitable organizations, which early today will begin the distribution of Christmas baskets and gifts.

A bit of the old English Christmas spirit will be displayed by carolers, who will tour candle-lit Beacon Hill tonight, and Christmas Eve will be brought to a climax—and a new Christmas Day begun, with services in Catholic and Protestant churches throughout the city.

Even Nature will join in the festive spirit, the weatherman promised, bringing enough snow for Junior to try out his new sled on the morrow.

CITY PROGRAM

The official city program will begin at City Hall at noon with the singing of Christmas carols by the Municipal Glee Club.

At 5:30 p. m. the municipal program, including singing by handbell ringers, will continue at Parkman bandstand, with Mayor Frederick W. Mansfield lighting the giant Christmas tree.

A feature of the program will be the broadcast of President Roosevelt's Christmas message which will be relayed to the crowd through loud speakers.

The program will last, with band music, carol singing and tableaux, until midnight.

Music by the Beacon Hill carolers tonight will be broadcast over an international hook-up.

While last minute shoppers rush to buy that forgotten present today, more than a score of charitable organizations will be busy providing baskets for the less fortunate.

Gov. James M. Curley will assist the Volunteers of America this afternoon in their distribution of Christmas baskets at the Forgotten Men's Club on Hanover street.

The Salvation Army will distribute 2100 boxes of food from headquarters on Washington street, South End, with Mayor Mansfield handing out the first box.

The Salvation Army will also distribute at least 1175 other boxes provided by funds contributed locally, and a large batch of meal tickets good for Christmas dinners at restaurants run by the Waldorf System, which is generously supplying 5000 dinners.

Baskets will also be given out today by the Rescue Army at its headquarters on Northampton street.

Gov. Curley issued instructions yesterday that all state employees who could be spared were to be off work at noon.

Various organizations have seen to it that Christmas will be a happy one for those confined to hospitals, especially the little children.

Inmates of all city and state institutions will be given special entertainment and turkey dinners tomorrow.

FREE FARES

Through efforts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, disabled veterans in local hospitals will be permitted to spend Christmas at home, with free transportation provided.

Midnight masses will be said in most of the Catholic churches throughout the city tonight, with special musical programs preceding them.

Masses will be said in both the upper and lower churches at the Cathedral, where His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell, will pontificate at a solemn high mass at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Special midnight services have also been arranged for many of the Protestant churches.

Today and tomorrow the Community Federation of Boston will help spread Christmas gladness in scores of local hospitals and social centers with gifts of food and clothing, and entertainment for those who might otherwise spend a sad Christmas.

MAYOR'S SADNESS

Mayor Mansfield yesterday made the mayor's annual visit to Long Island, where a special program of music and vaudeville entertainment was held for the inmates.

The mayor made the trip in spite of the death of his mother-in-law, who died last Sunday. Mrs. Mansfield, who planned to accompany him, did not go on this account.

Santa came yesterday to children at the House of the Good Samaritan where 75 girls and boys, ill with rheumatic heart disease, were able to forget their sickness around a huge Christmas tree which had gifts for all of them.

Even the birds will be remembered tomorrow. Members of the Shawmut Camp Fire Girls of Old South Church will serve "breakfast" at 25 feeding stations throughout the Public Garden and Boston Common.

Postal employees hope to clean up delivery today on the biggest Christmas mail in the history of the Boston Postal District. In the last two days, cancellations of mail have averaged 8,000,000 a day, but the regular force, augmented by 4500 special employees, kept the mail moving efficiently.

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3000 Baskets!

Funds raised through the personal efforts of Gov. Curley will provide Christmas dinners for 3000 families, it was announced at the Governor's office yesterday.

Distribution of the baskets started last night and will be completed today.

The Governor personally undertook to provide for several hundred needy families, and invited other citizens to help him fill other requests.

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The WISDOM BOX

By George C. MacKinnon



No Decision . . .

A local policecop has been delegated to guard the jewelry counter at one of the dept. stores during the Yuletide scrimmage . . . And a certain wight could easily have wound up with a punch in the nose when he approached this Johnlaw & queried, "Officer, can you tell me what floor the basement is on?" . . .

...It's costing Emile Coulon, Jr., a pretty penny to instal Mal Hallett's band in the Westminster Blue Room...But since it'll be the pioneer booking of this crack outfit into a Hub dance-dine room, Emile is confident the net will justify the gross...

But the bluecoat couldn't make up his mind whether his questioner was a fresh guy, a moron, or—as is usually the case—a combination of the two . . . So he did nothing—except to stare very fixedly at his quizeroo . . . Whereupon that individual quickly folded up his face like grandpa when he mislays his store teeth—and silently stole away! . . . And



Harriet Hctor

here's a Depression Success Story . . . Al Daneshak & John Frankford looked for work all through 1930 & 1931—entirely without success . . . Al was attending Harvard, & wanted work to enable him to stay there till he graduated . . . John just wanted work . . . So finally these lads held a conference, promoted themselves a loan of a few hundred bucks, & opened the "Little Nut Shop" at 184 Summer st. . . Everyone said it was a nut-shop indeed . . . with them the principle nuts, to start a business enterprise in mid-Depression . . . But Al graduates from Harvard in June — & right after N'Year's he & Frank will open a 2nd store! . . . By the time the 1936 fall releases are screened, we're expecting to see Harriet Hctor replace Ginger Rogers as Fred Astaire's dancing pal! . . . Major Joe Timilty, a redoubtable necktie-fancier, now has Governor Curley interested in this sartorial hobby—to the ecstasy of Joe Dansak, who thus has a new customer for his custom-mades . . . Maine doesn't know that it may get a new hosp, come spring . . . Medford's Geo. ("A. & P.") Winchell expecting a big little happiness around March . . . Revere's Mrs. Sarah Noyes, whose hubby recently gave her an auto, will be

Xmas-gifted by her devoted spouse changing the car for a more grandish one! . . .

Good Deed Dept. . . .

Mickie Braatz got an unexpected offer to join the Britten band, so Joe Rines let her cancel her Mayfair contract, rather than force her to sacrifice a lengthy engagement for two weeks at the local pleasance . . . Which was very kindly of you, sir . . . Hundreds trying to see Tom Green daily . . .

But his office force is handling the rush with genial efficacy . . . Fite-managing team of O'Brien & Celmonte doing the amoeba-act? . . . (Now don't you wish you'd studied your biology?) . . .

No More Showbiz? . . .

Charlie Forsythe, with Addie Seamon & Providence's El Farrell, returning from Australia via Bali, Java, Sumatra, Singapore, Colombo, Egypt, Jerusalem, Greece, Italy, France, England—playing vaude dates en route! . . . Bill Snyder, Sam Saxe pupil, recently played his first band job . . . Morry Sachs' band landed the Graves & Co. Xmas party despite plenty of competition . . . Tiffing with his N. Y. agent, Maestro Bill Merchant's Southern tour was cancelled . . .

Dwindling . . .

Rep. Tom Dorgan's oath activities brought him down 15 lbs.! . . . But he'll put it back on if he attends his brother's Old Harbor House time N'Year's Eve, as there'll be plenty on the trenchers . . . Pupils at a Brighton public school told to wear sweaters "as the rooms are cold!" . . . With children chilled, & miners loafing, it looks like the science of economics should join the ranks of phrenology & divination by tea-leaves . . . "Why," writes Charlie Miller from his Maine camp, "doesn't Tanzy Norton, the great bear hunter, tell you how he got lost in the woods?" . . .

Tarzans, Just Tarzans . . .

Hi Hat Barbecue looks like Paul Bowser's office lately, with Dick Bartush & Count Polowsky, among other muscle-bounders, demolishing chicken there . . . The Count

looks like a serving of fried dinosaur's kneecaps would be more suitable . . . We haven't followed—beg pardon, kept ahead of—wrassling lately . . . So we can't tell you whether the Count is one of those being built up like unto a lordly edifice, only to be torn down by Danno, that potassium-broth of a buoy! . . .

Suave Servitor . . .

Brown Derby employees all refer to Busboy John Shea by the admiring nick-tag of "B'way Bill" . . . Here's a new one—they're actually forging necktie labels . . . Necktie mfr. Joe Dansak will verify—they've counterfeited his line . . . Spry is that Mr. Sprague, 84, who birth-day'd at Coccoanut Grove . . . "I can lick any one of you!" spry Mr. Sprague told his 3 sons, who were celebrating with him! . . . (He must be the darling of the spinach-growers) . . .

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PARDONS FOR 7 CONVICTS IS CURLEY GIFT

Seven prisoners, including three lifers, will receive Christmas pardons, Gov. Curley announced yesterday. Four of the men were recommended for pardon last week; yesterday three new names were added to the list.

One of the prisoners newly named for pardon is Morris Levine of Holyoke, 67, who killed his wife and was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1928. He is said to be suffering from heart and kidney trouble.

Another is William G. Henry, 30, former Boston University football and track star, who was sentenced in 1934 to serve three to five years for the larceny of \$17,000 from the Minot Co-operative Bank of Neponset.

The third is Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, who was sentenced in 1928 to serve 15 to 18 years for stealing \$30.

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Pyromaniac's Commutation Is Withdrawn

Curley Heeds Worcester Plea for Mental Examination of Gardner — 3 More Pardons

Christmas pardons for three additional prisoners, including one lifer, were recommended by Governor Curley to the Executive Council yesterday. At the same time the governor withdrew the recommendation for commutation of sentence for Henry A. Gardner, Worcester pyromaniac, pending an examination by Dr. Winfred Overholster, State commissioner of mental diseases, to determine Gardner's mental condition.

The governor took this last action after public officials and other citizens of Worcester had expressed the opinion that Gardner should not be released until it had been definitely determined that he could control his impulse to set fires.

Gardner was among five prisoners, including two lifers, whose release was recommended by the governor a week ago.

The three additional prisoners recommended for executive clemency today were Morris Levine of Holyoke, sixty-seven-year-old lifer, sentenced October, 1928, for the murder of his wife; William G. Henry, Dorchester, sentenced June 5, 1934, to three to five years for larceny of \$17,000 from the Minot Co-operative Bank, and Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, sentenced in February, 1928, to fifteen to eighteen years for robbery.

The parole board reported Levine was suffering from a serious heart ailment and might not live if he remained in prison.

The prisoners recommended for pardons last week and to whose release no objection has been voiced, were Samuel Powers of Westfield, sentenced to life imprisonment Feb. 20, 1914, for murder of his wife; Wojciech Birusz of Salem, sentenced April 20, 1920, to life imprisonment for the murder of Mary B. LaVole; William Hooper of Lynn, sentenced March 24, 1933, to six to seven years for manslaughter, and Thomas J. Panetta of Cambridge, sentenced June 19, 1929, to twelve to twenty years for manslaughter.

District Attorney Owen A. Hoban of Worcester County urged the council to postpone action on commutation of Gardner's sentence until the prisoner had been placed under observation for at least thirty-five days.

The prosecutor suggested that a board of psychiatrists be appointed by Dr. Overholster to determine whether Gardner is sane enough to resist his impulse to burn buildings.

If such a board should decide that Gardner will not be likely to repeat such

offenses as caused his conviction the district attorney said he would have no objection to the prisoner's release.

Edward T. Estey, formerly district attorney, speaking as a vestryman of All Saints Episcopal Church of Worcester, which suffered heavy loss through one of the fires started by Gardner, said the church people do not want to appear vindictive but that the members feel that if they were not represented at the hearing the inference would be drawn that they were not opposed to Gardner's release. He declared that it would be safer to let a robber or murderer out of prison than to release a pyromaniac. From his experience, he said, he felt there was little chance that a murderer would commit a murder again, but in the case of a pyromaniac the community was dealing with an uncontrollable impulse.

General Thomas F. Foley, chief of police of Worcester, and William P. Finneran, superintendent of detectives, told the council that the question to be decided was whether it would be safe for Gardner to be at large. General Foley said the people of Worcester want to be assured that Gardner will not set more fires.

The hearing was enlivened by verbal clashes between Councilors Daniel H. Coakley of Boston on one hand and Frank A. Brooks of Watertown and Winfield A. Schuster of Douglas on the other.

Schuster inquired if there was anyone present to advocate Gardner's release. Coakley replied that no one was asked to appear except the opponents. He said he believed the attitude of the speakers was sound and that he would have no hesitation in favoring commutation if he could be assured that Gardner would not get drunk and set fires again.

Schuster said he would like to know who sponsored the petition for Gardner's release. Coakley replied that it didn't matter who sponsored it and "let's not get into politics by going off on a tangent like that."

Lieutenant Governor Joseph L. Hurley, presiding, said he understood the plea for commutation was sponsored by no one except the State Board of Parole and prison officials.

Councilor Brooks asked the lieutenant governor whether the Parole Board had interviewed the prisoner or conducted a hearing on his case. "Go down there and ask them," Coakley interrupted before the lieutenant governor could answer. "Don't bother us with questions like that."

Brooks retorted that his question was addressed to the lieutenant governor and not to Coakley. The lieutenant governor then said he had no information as to whether the Parole Board had given Gardner an interview.

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Fr. Coughlin Sends "Gov. Jim" Greeting

Governor Curley today received a letter from Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, radio priest, wishing the chief executive and his family "a holy and happy Christmas." The letter follows:

"My dear Governor Jim—
"May I intrude upon you for a moment to wish you and your loved ones a holy and happy Christmas. May the Child Jesus bless you and your loved ones now and forever."

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Paroled Lifers to Be Assisted by Womenfolk

Two Wife Slayers Freed with Four Other Prisoners — 30 Released at Deer Island

Two women, one living in New York city and the other in Burlington, Vt., will come to the assistance of two State Prison lifers freed this afternoon by Governor Curley and the executive council.

Both men had been convicted of murdering their wives.

The two men are Samuel Powers of Westfield and Morris Levine of Holyoke, the former having been committed in 1914 and the later in 1928.

Levine will go to Burlington to live with his sister, while Powers, a Negro, will reside in New York. Levine, sixty-seven years of age, was pardoned because of ill health.

Four other prisoners released were William Hooper of Lynn, sentenced March 24, 1933, to serve six to seven years for manslaughter; Thomas J. Panetta of Cambridge, sentenced June 19, 1929, to serve twelve to twenty years for manslaughter in the shooting of Dominic Somerelli; Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, sentenced in 1928 for larceny of \$30, and William G. Henry of Dorchester, sentenced June 5, 1934, for the larceny of \$17,000 from the Minot Co-operative Bank.

Chairman Richard Olney of the State Parole Board said that the six men paroled were selected from a group of fifty recommended to the governor and council by the Parole Board.

At the Deer Island House of Correction the usual Christmas suspense ended at noon today when the identity of paroled prisoners became known. Thirty short-term offenders, most of them sentenced to a month's confinement for drunkenness, were given their liberty by Penal Commissioner John J. Douglass and also through action by a judge of the Superior court.

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State to Give Holiday Cheer in Institutions

35,000 Sick and Unfortunate
to Be Recipients of
Bounty

The State has arranged to give Christmas cheer to the 35,000 sick and unfortunate men, women and children who are inmates of its hospitals and other institutions. Tons of turkey, with candy and other delicacies have been bought. There will be Christmas trees for hospital wards and even special gifts for those who have no one of their own kin to remember them on the holiday. So the Commonwealth will not be found wanting in spreading the spirit of Christmas throughout hospitals, schools, welfare institutions and prisons.

With more than 1000 electric candles gleaming in its windows and an eight-foot holly wreath adorning the Bulfinch front directly under the cupola, the State House tonight will furnish one of the most brilliant contributions to the illumination which characterizes Christmas eve on Beacon Hill.

The Christmas greetings of Governor James M. Curley will be flashed in electric lights across the balcony over the Beacon street entrance on a sign thirty feet long and thirteen feet high. It bears a facsimile of the governor's signature and the inscription: "The Commonwealth extends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

The governor has written this Christmas message which will be printed on the holiday programs to be distributed among the patients in State hospitals and welfare institutions:

As governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is an exceeding pleasure to extend to you and your family sincere wishes for a merry Christmas and a most happy New Year. I sincerely trust that the program presented this day may bring some measure of joy upon this Christmas day and that Christmas Day in 1936 will find you and your family enjoying health, happiness and all of God's choicest blessings.

Christmas parties and the exchange of gifts, which have been the custom among employees of the various State departments, will be omitted for the most part this year and will be replaced by filling and distributing Christmas baskets among the needy. All State House employees who could be spared were dismissed at noon today and only a skeleton force was retained to keep the various departments in operation.

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Council Confirms Howard H. Murphy

Howard Haynes Murphy of Osterville was confirmed yesterday by the Executive Council as Commissioner of Agriculture. He succeeds Edgar Gillette, appointed to the post by former Governor Joseph B. Ely.

Earlier in the day Governor James M. Curley said he had received a letter from Dr. Arthur W. Gilbert, former commissioner, to the effect that he would not consider an appointment to his old post because he had obtained a better position with the Federal Government.

The governor indicated that no new appointments would be submitted to the Council during its special session.

"I don't want to put anyone out of a job for Christmas," the governor said.

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CURLEY REJECTS O'CONNOR OFFER

Bars Settlement of Suit
Against Closed Bank

The offer of J. F. T. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency, to discuss a settlement of claims against the closed Federal National Bank for a "substantial revision downward" of a previous offer of \$900,000 was dismissed yesterday by Gov. Curley as being "unworthy of consideration."

The state bank department, on behalf of many of the closed affiliates of the Federal National Bank, has brought suit for \$3,184,000 against the central bank. In an extended reply to the Governor's suggestion that the expense of litigation be eliminated by a settlement of the claims, Comptroller O'Connor pointed out that the liquidating agent is the defendant in suits brought against him by the Massachusetts banking department.

O'Connor, moreover, pointed out that the commonwealth reduced its original claims from \$4,200,000 to \$3,184,000 and that Henry H. Pierce, the bank commissioner, subsequently offered to settle the claims for \$900,000. He said that it is his duty as trustee for the depositors to defend their rights.

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SIX PARDONED THANK CURLEY

Visit Parole Board Also
to Show Gratitude
for Release

Anxious to start life anew on Christmas eve, six state prison convicts, two of them lifers, who were pardoned by the executive council yesterday, called on Gov. Curley and the parole board at the State House, and expressed thanks for their "Christmas presents."

Gov. Curley, in receiving the six, informed them that the state was exemplifying the belief that it was a day to convey peace on earth and goodwill toward men, and was granting them pardons. He warned them to obey the laws, do their duty as good citizens.

"If you do good, you will be rewarded. If you do evil you must pay the penalty. It's up to you," he told them.

Samuel Powers, a Negro, formerly of Springfield, who is 46 and was serving a life term for murder, is going to be set up in business in Harlem by his sister, a beauty shop operator, he told reporters.

Morris Levine, 67, who murdered his wife in Holyoke in 1928, was pardoned because he is suffering from a diseased heart and kidneys. He said that he was going direct to Burlington, Vt., to make his home with a sister.

Others who visited the Governor's office were William G. Henry of Dorchester, Joseph Zinkowitch of Worcester, William Hooper of Lynn and Thomas J. Panetta of Cambridge. Zinkowitch had served 7½ years of a 15 to 18-year sentence for his part in a hold-up. Panetta served 6½ years of a 12 to 20-year term for manslaughter.

Wojciech Biruz of Salem, the third lifer, who is serving his term for murder of Maray B. Lavoie, was not at the State House. Biruz, an alien, was pardoned on condition that he accept deportation. Action by federal authorities is necessary.

Hooper was sentenced 2½ years ago for manslaughter.

30 AT DEER ISLAND
GRANTED PAROLES

Christmas at home will mean much this year for 30 prisoners at the Deer Island house of correction, granted paroles in time for Yuletide. All were serving time for minor offences such as non-support and larceny, and sentences ranged from one to 18 months. Most of them have served more than half their sentences. Action on minor cases was taken by Penal Commissioner John J. Douglass and in more serious cases by Douglass, acting jointly with the chief probation officer and a judge of superior court.

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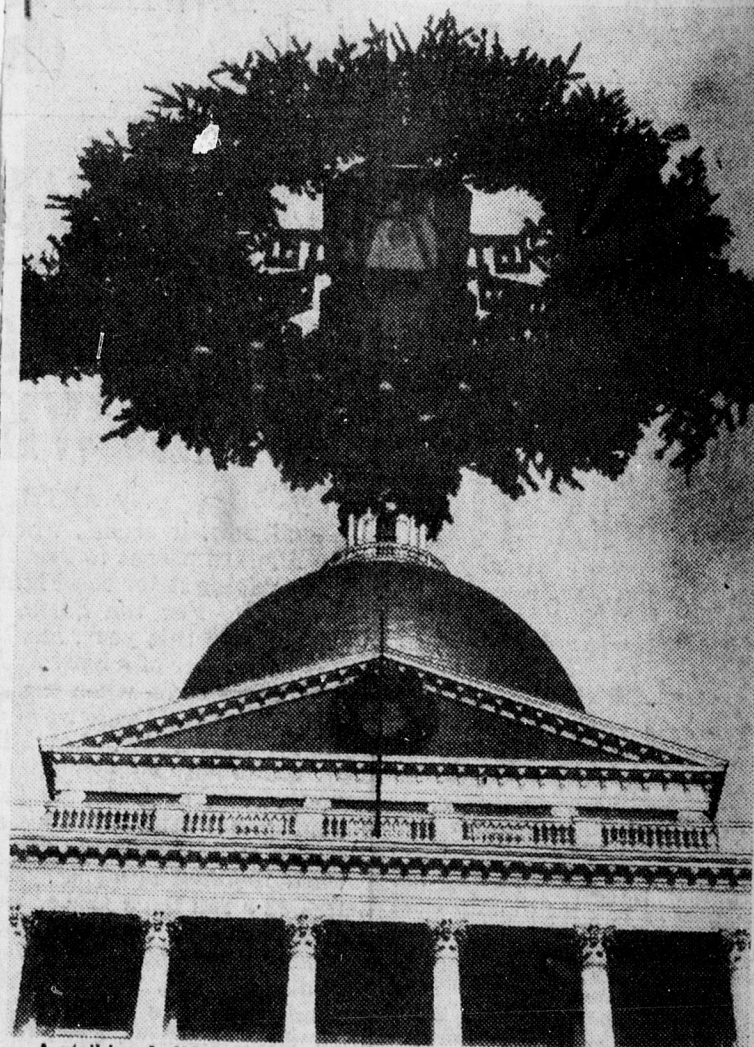
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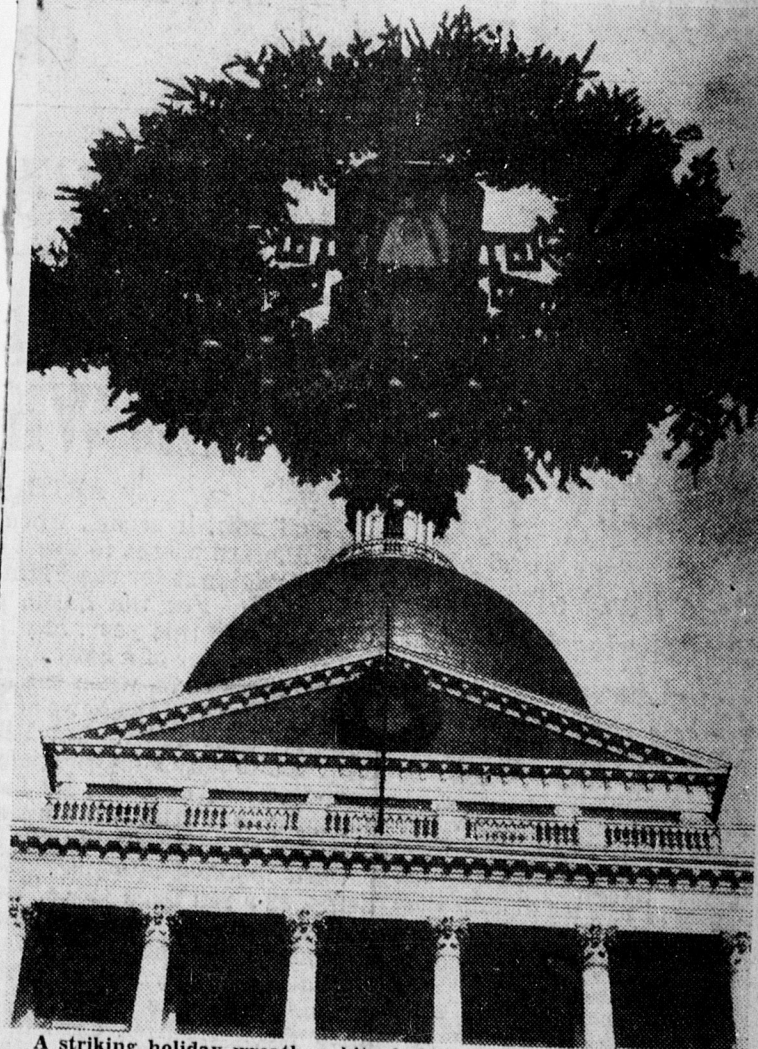
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Organizations Provide Dinners And Gifts to Needy of Boston

By JOHN J. MAHONEY

A UNITED Christianity in keeping with the spirit of Christmas, joins today to lend a helping hand to the less fortunate of its bretheren.

From all sides helping hands are extended to relieve the heavily burdened, console and cheer the afflicted and extend comfort to the needy in this season of "Peace on earth to men of good will."

Religious, civic, public welfare, fraternal, veteran and other organizations, agents for a public, generous in their contributions on this occasion, will distribute thousands of free Christmas dinners, provide clothing, distribute toys to children and afford entertainment for the needy, the sick and those confined to institutions.

As of necessity in such an embracing program as will be pursued in Greater Boston many will share their Christmas dinner with others who are in similar circumstances to themselves. Others will receive their baskets of food at distribution centers to be taken home for preparation, while many will have their Christmas dinners delivered at their doors, quietly, so that even their next door neighbors will be unaware of the source.

Thus will Boston do its part today and tomorrow to see that none may go without at least a share in the celebration of Christmas.

SALLIES GIVE BASKETS

Following its annual custom the Salvation Army began this morning distribution of well-filled baskets to 2100 needy families. The first basket was presented at 10 o'clock this morning from 1522 Washington street. Other distribution points were 42 Saratoga street, East Boston; 246 Hanover street, 55 Cambridge street, and 23 Vernon street in Roxbury. A six-pound chuck roast of beef was included, rather than a turkey, the organization looking to the substantial quality of the meal instead of display.

At noon tomorrow the organization will serve a Christmas dinner

to 75 children at the Settlement and Day Nursery, 17 Staniford street.

Gov. Curley attended Christmas greetings to 300 old persons and gave out the first basket of Christmas delicacies at the old folks' Christmas party of the Volunteers of America this afternoon in the forgotten man's club room. Others to take part include Lt.-Gov. Joseph L. Hurley, P. A. O'Connell, Hon. Joseph E. Warner, Walter V. McCarthy, Emil Fuchs, Hon. Richard E. Johnson, Mrs. Margaret O'Reardon, Mrs. Mary McNeil and William H. Taylor.

A GIFT TO EACH

There will be also a dinner this evening for 200 members of the unemployed men's club, at which each guest will receive a personal gift from P. A. O'Connell.

From the Family Welfare Society will go thousands of baskets packed with dinners, warm clothing and gifts.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will provide dinners and clothing for thousands of families throughout the archdiocese of Boston, through the various parish conferences.

Through the Catholic Charitable bureau 3500 children will be remembered as will many elderly persons.

Dinners will be served at Morgan Memorial. Gifts for 400 needy families will be provided by the Boston Provident Association and 400 men will receive additional relief through the Industrial Aid Society. Dollar bills will be given out to elderly persons from the Lend-a-Hand Society and small cash gifts, to compensate those who suffer a loss of wages during the holidays, will be distributed at the Co-operative Workrooms. The Readers' Guild will send baskets to

60 shut-ins, among those who are hard of hearing.

BASKETS AND DINNERS

The Boston Urban League will distribute baskets to 200 families. In the Roxbury Neighborhood House a dinner for 75 small boys will be given by the Young Men's Club.

Children in foster homes will not be forgotten and several organizations will make provisions for them. At homes for children, aged and crippled persons, Christmas parties will be held.

Fraternal and patriotic organizations will also play a large part in the program of bringing cheer and happiness to the needy and afflicted.

The various posts of the American Legion, local councils of the Knights of Columbus, lodges of the Elks, courts of the Massachusetts Catholic order of Foresters, and posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will distribute baskets and gifts to families and to individuals in institutions.

The Christmas remembrance committee will send Christmas stockings to disabled veterans in government hospital. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will also do their part.

Thus throughout every community of metropolitan Boston scores of organizations of varied types will join in a common cause to see that none, as far as possible, is forgotten tomorrow, the day of universal rejoicing.

Max and Joseph Schneider, owners of the Steuben's restaurant, will serve 500 dinners on Christmas day to newsboys of Greater Boston together with 200 crippled children at their four restaurants. A special floor show will be given for the crippled children at their Arch street restaurant.

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Holy Xmas Wished Curley by Coughlin

The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, radio priest, today wished Gov. Curley and his family "a holy and happy Christmas."

Fr. Coughlin's letter to the Governor follows:

"My dear Gov. Jim:

"My I intrude upon you for a moment to wish you and your loved ones a holy and happy Christmas.

"May the child Jesus bless you and love you now and forever..

"Cordially yours,

CHARLES E. COUGHLIN."